Iraq blinks, allows entry of UN weapons inspectors

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No 'special favors' from US, says Maceda

By Volt Contreras and Christine Avendaño

TAKE it from the man who has seen Washington's foreign relations priorities up close: There is no such thing as US "special favors" to the Philippines.

Former Sen. Ernesto Maceda said Monday that the country and other

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CNN: MILF reopens 2 training camps in South

THE MORO Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) has reopened two training camps in Mindanao, in addition to at least one training camp in Indonesia, CNN reported last night citing US and Asian intelligence sources.

The information has been verified by different al-Qaida operatives now in US custody including Omar

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'Wow, we're home'

Ledesma cites 'tried and tested' formula

By Carla P. Gomez,
PDI Visayas Bureau
and Alcuin Papa
and Leila B. Salaverria
in Manila

IN THE END, the simplest words said the most. "Wow, we're home," exclaimed 5-year-old Julio Carlos Ledesma, upon arriving at the family residence in Alexandra Condominium in Pasig City.

Four days after Julio and his older sister Cristina Julieta, 10, were abducted in a hail of gunfire by unknown gunmen in San Juan town, the two children of Negros Occidental Rep. Julio Ledesma were released at dawn yesterday, in the vicinity of the Makati Medical Center.

Ledesma said his children were all right, but admitted that his daughter was more affected by the ordeal, because the kidnappers had forced her to plead on the phone during negotiations.

"She was the one who was made to say 'Please, Daddy' on the phone," Ledesma told the INQUIRER.

It was reported that the congressman, in the national limelight in recent weeks after his high-profile engagement to actress Assunta de Rossi, would immediately go on vacation abroad with his children, possibly to Hong Kong.

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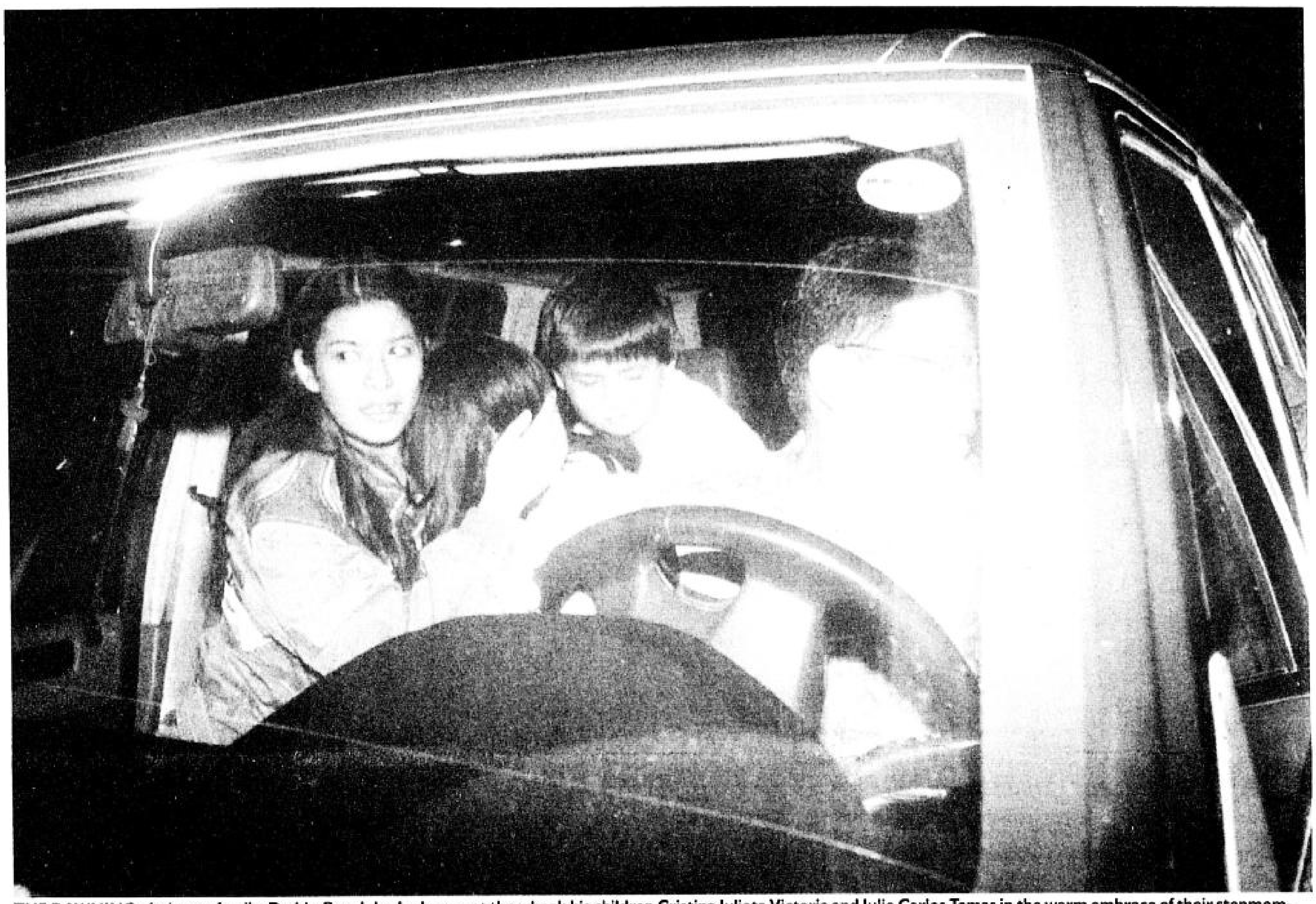

THE DAWNING of a happy family: Daddy, Rep. Jules Ledesma, at the wheel; his children Cristina Julieta Victoria and Julio Carlos Tomas in the warm embrace of their stepmom-to-be, actress Assunta de Rossi, drive away from the Makati Medical Center where the children were dropped off by their kidnappers at dawn yesterday. RANDY HORMILLOSA

Piatco sued by airport labor unions

By Michael Lim Ubac and Rocky Nazareno

AIRPORT ground crew unions filed a lawsuit with the Supreme Court yesterday, seeking to nullify the controversial contract to build the Naia Terminal 3 project.

Some 8,000 workers engaged in ground handling stand to lose their jobs if the partially completed passenger terminal opens as scheduled on Nov. 26, lead counsel Esteban Salonga told reporters.

"The advent of Terminal 3 will wipe out the entire airline industry. Piatco will have the monopoly. These are jobs that only they can do" under the contract,

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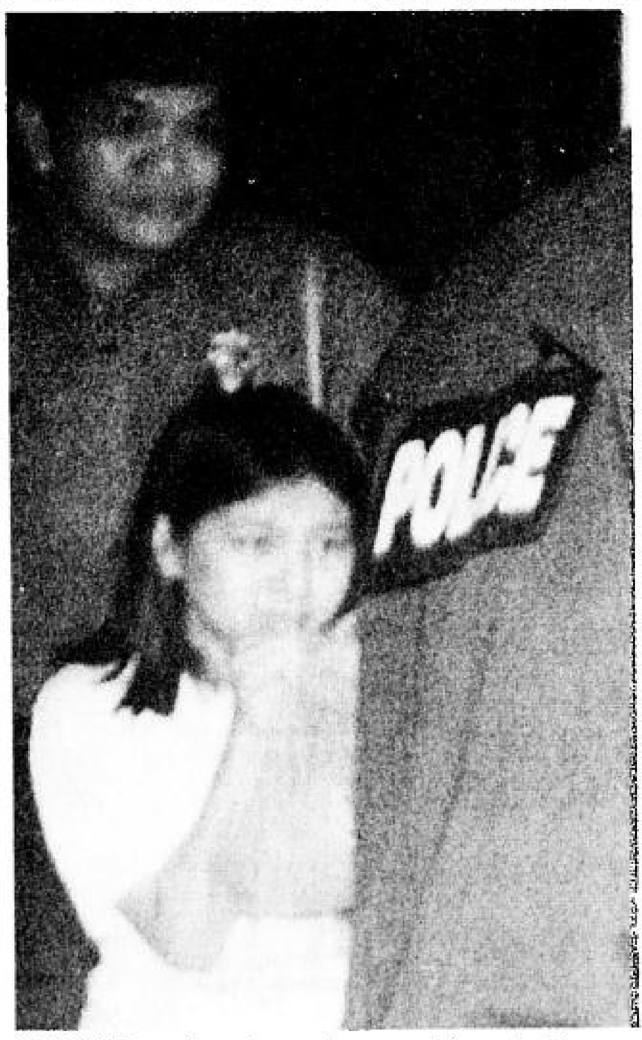

RANDY HORMILLOSA

"EXCUSE me, do you know the way to Alexandra?" Cristina Ledesma's question starts the end of 4-day ordeal.

GMA hails release, thanks media

By Carlito Pablo and Cynthia Balana

STILL reeling from the impact of the country's most publicized kidnapping in recent memory, Malacañang yesterday welcomed the news that the children of Negros Occidental Rep. Julio Ledesma IV had been released.

"Our President is grateful to God for heeding the prayers that the children will be spared," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said.

"The President is also thankful to the media for cooperating with the government in toning down their reports on kidnapping cases that are in progress," Bunye added.

In the Senate, the release elicited qualified praise.

"Whether or not the Philippine National Police or other law enforcement agencies played an active or even a passive role in this release or recovery, the most important thing is that the children were released or recovered without harm," Sen. Rodolfo Biazon said.

Sen. Gregorio Honasan said there was really no one to congratulate because there did not seem to be much of a police effort in the case. "This incident is not a result of serious police work," Honasan, a former Army colonel, said.

The abduction of the Ledesma children on Friday, Sept. 13, had dealt a serious blow to the government's high-profile campaign

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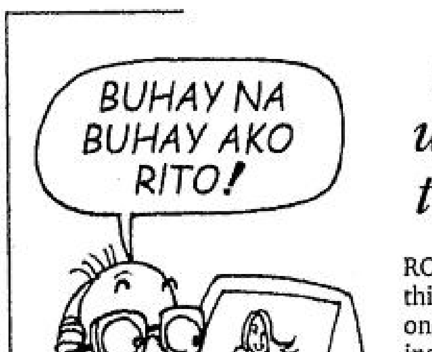
HOLDING on to each other, Julio Carlos and his dad's fiancée Assunta leave Makati Medical Center and head for home. RANDY HORMILLOSA



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Bikini-clad women hired to sell coffins

ROME—Death is hardly something to look forward to, but one Italian funeral home is trying to make the afterlife a tad more tempting by using bikini-clad women to sell its coffins.

On its site http://www.cofanifunebri.it, the Rome-based funeral home and coffin factory Cisa features its hand-crafted caskets alongside models

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Iraq allows UN weapons inspectors

UNITED NATIONS—A flurry of back-channel negotiations involving Iraqi officials, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and the Arab League brought a stunning shift for Baghdad with its acceptance—under threat of US action—of the unconditional return of weapons inspectors after nearly four years.

But the United States quickly dismissed the offer as a tactic meant to split the Security Council, where the Bush administration has been lobbying hard for a resolution that would authorize force against Iraq if it failed to let the inspectors return.

In Baghdad on Tuesday, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz questioned whether allowing the inspectors to return would end the crisis.

IRAQ/A18

Gov't flip-flops on Iraq: Now, it backs US stance

By Carlito Pablo

THE MACAPAGAL administration has flip-flopped anew on its support for the US stance against Iraq.

President Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday that the "Philippines is prepared to extend political, security and humanitarian assistance to the United States in the pursuit of its most vital interest, which coincides with our own vital interest, to defeat terrorism."

Ms Macapagal came out with the new policy statement a day after the Asian Wall Street Journal criticized the Philippines for withdrawing its offer to allow American warplanes to refuel at Philippine airports and to fly over the country during any US attack on Iraq.

"That is an affront to an ally that earlier

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The whole country will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. Light to moderate winds coming from the Southwest and West will prevail over Central and Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Metro Manila	Cloudy with Rains	Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains
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Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

4 Indons fall in terror roundup

LAWMEN have arrested four Indonesian men in anti-terorrist sweeps in General Santos city, the military said yesterday.

Brig. Gen. Generoso Senga, head of an infantry division in the area, said the suspects were rounded up in a series of police-military raids on Saturday.

They were identified as Uskar Makawata, 40; Taka Antarani, 25; Julkiri Letemboba, 18; and Rahman Yanis, 23. Senga said they arrived in the city on July 22.

"We were targetting a group of foreign nationals suspected (to be involved in terrorist activities)," Senga told reporters by telephone from his base in Cotabato City.

The raids were conducted by elements of the police anti-terrorist unit Task Force Sanlahi, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency, Military Intelligence Group XI, and the Bureau of Immigration.

Senga said they were still verifying the activities of the four men, who claimed they were laborers. He would not comment on possible terrorist ties, but said the Indonesians were being held for entering the country without proper documentation.

At least three are natives of Utara, North Sulawesi, Senga said. A military report issued earlier said the arrested foreigners were Malaysians.

Police are saying that one of the four maybe among the planners of three bombings that killed 15 people and wounded nearly 100 outside a shopping mall in General Santos only five months ago.

Police Senior Supt. George Aquisap said Basit Usman, a Filipino arrested for the April 21 attacks, has identified Makawata. Aquisap said authorities were now probing the allegation.

During initial interrogation, Makawata admitted he knew Usman, but denied participation in the bombings.

Aquisap said the authorities had actually been looking for two other Indonesian terrorists. He said the arrested four were brought to Manila yesterday for further investigation.

The raiding teams reportedly seized "subversive" documents from Makawata's house, and guns and bullets from another house. Military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Eduardo Purificacion said they still did not have information on what the documents contained.

Authorities have been suspecting that General Santos was the base of a cell of the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), a militant Southeast Asian Islamic group outlawed in Malaysia and Singapore, and which allegedly operates in Indonesia. It is also said to have links with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida group.

The General Santos arrests came a day after Singapore authorities announced they have detained 21 suspected terrorists with links to the JI, and two of them with alleged ties to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. (See story on Page 3) *Martin Marfil, Christine O. Avendano, Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau, with reports from AP and AFP*

Gloria has new pen pal–Robot

By Carlito Pablo

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has a new pen-pal.

Yesterday, she received a handwritten letter from Abu Sayyaf leader Galib Andang, more popularly known as Commander Robot, thanking her for meeting with his wife last July to discuss his surrender.

ANDANG

Dated Aug. 30, the letter was hand-carried to Malacañang by lawyer Oliver Lozano who, with Zambales Gov. Vicente Magsaysay, had accompanied Robot's wife Nammar "Inday" Matlih to her meeting with the President on July 10.

That meeting was arranged by Magsaysay, Lozano said, and lasted one hour.

"Robot's surrender is almost a done deal," Lozano said yesterday in a phone interview. "He just can't come down from the hills because of the heavy fighting in Sulu."

Robot's wife, who now lives in Zamboanga City, was five months pregnant when she met with Ms Macapagal.

"President Macapagal promised her Robot would be given due process. This is precisely what Robot was demanding for his surrender," Lozano said.

Aside from thanking the President for receiving his wife, Robot also reiterated in the letter "my longstanding promise to work for peace and progress in Mindanao."

"I believe in your sincere service for the poor Muslims like us," Robot told the President.

Robot also said his followers will join him and lay down their arms.

He said he would also help in efforts to recover Sabah from Malaysia.

Along with fellow Abu Sayyaf commander Mujib Susukan, Robot gained international notoriety for the kidnapping of 21 hostages, 19 of them Europeans, from the Malaysian island-resort of Sipadan on April 23, 2000.

The hostages were released in batches with the government later admitting that at least P245 million in ransom was paid to the Abu Sayyaf.

But in his letter to Ms Macapagal, Robot said he was not involved in the actual taking of the Sipadan hostages.

Lozano said that in a recent mobile phone conversation, Robot had told him the Sipadan hostages were seized by armed men under the command of a "retired Malaysian general" and the captives were only turned over to the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu.

Lozano said Andang's brother Achmad Kiram and one Uztadz al Omar had surrendered to newly installed Armed Forces chief of staff Lt. Gen. Benjamin Defensor last Saturday.

Kiram and Omar were picked up from Zamboanga City by Magsaysay and Lozano and flown to Villamor Air Base in Pasay City where they were questioned by the authorities.

The two were released, however, when their names were not found in the government's order of battle against the Abu Sayyaf, Lozano said.

Kiram and Omar had Robot's letter to the President with them when they were flown to Manila.

Abus attack MNLF camp

JOLO, Sulu—Suspected Abu Sayyaf bandits on Monday attacked a detachment in Indanan town manned by former Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) members who had been integrated into the military.

No one was hurt in the 7:15 p.m. attack, according to Lt. Col. Joselito Bernardo, chief of the Army's 4th Infantry Battalion, who said that the attack occurred near the home of Sulu Gov. Yusup Jikiri some 250 meters away.

Bernardo said the integrees engaged the bandits in a 45-minute firefight, with the latter, who were just wanted "to make their presence felt."

Bernardo said the suspects might have been followers of Kumander Doktor Abu. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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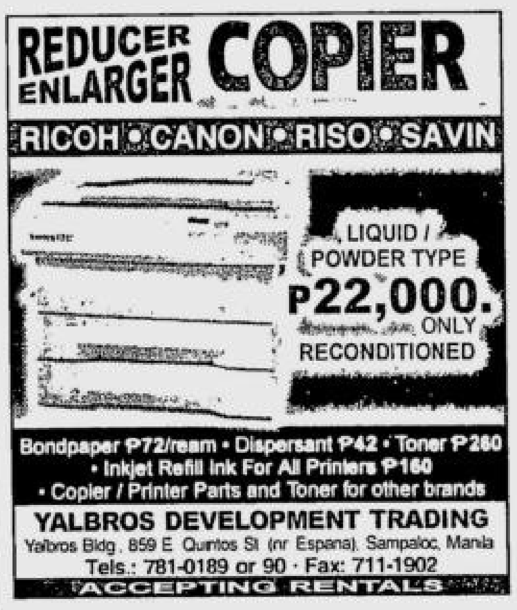

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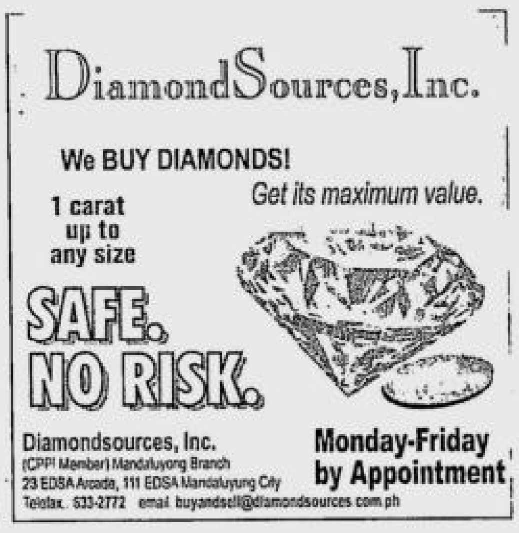

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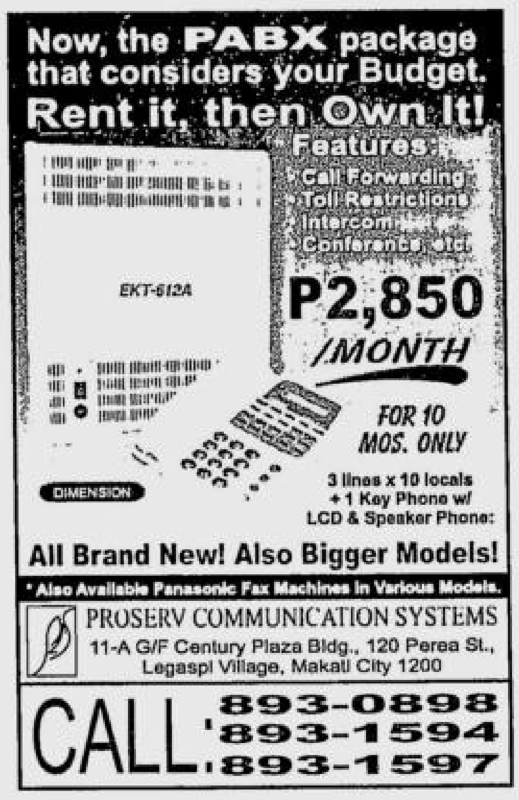

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MILF disowns Islamic militants in Singapore

THE MORO Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) yesterday denied having links with Islamic militants detained by Singapore, but admitted it had received "foreign visitors" at its main training base in Maguindanao.

Singapore on Monday announced it had arrested 21 suspected terrorists, including some who had undergone military training at al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan.

Nineteen of the 21 "are or have been" members of the Islamic group Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), and two are linked to the MILF, state authorities said.

Muslim "scholars and brothers" from the Middle East, Asia and Europe have visited, or have been invited to, the MILF's Camp Abubakar in the past, but were never allowed to join military training, MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu said.

"We never barred them from visiting us. We were very open to them between 1996 and 1998," Kabalu told AFP by telephone. Only Filipino Muslim fighters were trained in the Abdurahman Bedis military academy inside the sprawling camp, he said.

Kabalu said his group, while sympathizing with Muslim separatist causes in the region, does not have direct links with the Indonesian-based JI, allegedly led by Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir.

Philippine authorities have said that the JI was part of the al-Qaida terror network of Osama bin Laden, suspected mastermind of the September 11 attacks.

Two alleged Indonesian members of the JI, Fathur Rohman al Ghozie and Agus Dwirkana, are now in Philippine jails after being convicted separately on charges of illegal possession of explosives. They have denied links to Islamic militants.

Security authorities have been on high alert following reported threats of attacks from Islamic terrorists targeting US embassies across the region.

"The MILF does not have a connection with the Jemaah Islamiyah, but authorities are trying to link us to them, partly to scuttle the peace talks and show support to the US government especially after the September 11 anniversary," Kabalu said.

He said the MILF's priority was to resolve his group's decades-long fight for an independent Islamic state. The group has already signed a truce with the government amid peace negotiations.

Singapore yesterday declined to give further details about the 19 suspected JI members, as Muslim leaders and opposition politicians urged authorities to swiftly bring the detainees to trial. *AFP, AP, Reuters*

China bucks RP-Taiwan fighter jet deal

CHINA yesterday objected to the planned acquisition by the Philippines of surplus F-5E fighter jets from Taiwan, saying it went against Manila's long-standing "one-China policy."

Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Benjamin Defensor on Monday said the Taiwanese surplus jets are being eyed to form the country's core of "interim fighter fleet" until government has enough funds to buy more modern jets.

Chinese embassy spokesperson Wang Lou said the sale would violate Manila's policy of recognizing only China as the legitimate government and Taiwan as a renegade province.

"Our position is very clear and we expect the Philippines to abide by the one-China policy. We don't want this to affect our bilateral relations," Wang said.

"No it can't be done. The purchase of the planes cannot be a commercial transaction because it involves military planes," she said.

Taiwan is reported to be asking Manila to allow its jet to land at the former US air base at Clark north of Manila in exchange for the sale. Taiwan does not have enough air space to train its fighter pilots.

Joma loses exile perks

THE HAGUE—Dutch authorities have stopped payment of housing and health benefits to Filipino communist leader Jose Maria Sison, the exiled leader said on Monday.

The municipality of Utrecht in the central Netherlands confirmed that the payments had been stopped following a request from the finance ministry acting on a government decision to impose sanctions on groups considered terrorist organizations.

In August, the Dutch government froze the assets of Sison's Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) at the request of the United States.

Washington put the CPP and the 12,000-member New People's Army on a list of 34 foreign "terrorist" organizations, making it illegal for Americans or US entities to give material support to them.

Sison has been living in the Netherlands for the last 14 years. *AFP*

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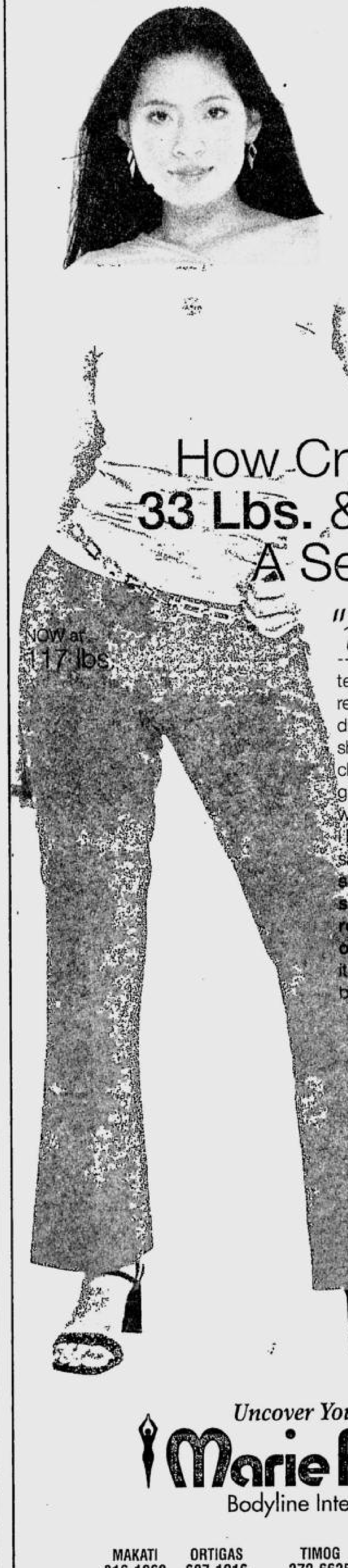

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5 foreigners, 2 Pinoys snatched in Pagsanjan

STA CRUZ, Laguna—Even before the kidnapped children of Rep. Jules Ledesma could be recovered early yesterday, five foreigners and two Filipinos were abducted by an armed group from a Pagsanjan hotel on Monday. They were released three hours later.

SPO2 Gregorio Librojo of the Laguna police identified the latest victims as Australians Yun Hui (Tiger) Lee and his son Eun Seuk (Chris) Lee and New Zealanders Bayden Majgakahia, Fred Nathan and Brett Moshien. He identified the Filipinos as Michelle Afable, Tiger Lee's driver, and Antonio Villanueva.

Librojo said the seven were seized from the parking lot of the Pagsanjan Rapids Hotel, where they were billeted, at around 10:30 a.m.

"The suspects identified themselves to hotel security guards as National Bureau of Investigation agents," police said.

But in its report quoting the police, the Associated Press said the armed men had taken P200,000 from the victims, as well as their mobile phones.

Two of the 15 robbers were later arrested, senior police officer Jun Nacor said.

The seven victims were leaving the Pagsanjan Rapids Hotel when three men took them at gunpoint. The foreigners were shoved into Lee's rented van while the two Filipinos were forced into another vehicle.

The group fled toward a nearby town and met up with 12 accomplices on the way, Nacor said.

The robbers stopped at a restaurant parking lot and forced the victims to hand over P200,000 and several cell phones. They were released three hours after they were abducted.

The freed foreigners continued traveling in the rented van which was being followed by two of the robbers when police caught up with them.

Police identified the arrested men as Larry Ferrer, 29, an alleged NBI informant, and Oscar Lacbay, 41, who claimed to be an NBI agent. But Nacor said the claim was false.

The other robbers fled with the money, but the phones were recovered, Nacor said.

The arrested suspects have been charged with kidnapping, robbery and usurpation of authority. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, with an AP report*

Carpio begs off Marcos case

By Michael Lim Ubac

ASSOCIATE Justice Antonio Carpio has inhibited himself from Supreme Court proceedings related to the recovery of the $659-million Marcos Swiss account being held in escrow at the Philippine National Bank.

Court officials, who asked not to be named, said Carpio did not give a reason for his inhibition.

Ilocos Norte Rep. Maria Imelda "Imee" Marcos and Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. had sought Carpio's inhibition due to his alleged bias for the government's claim to the Swiss account.

Hostile

"It cannot be denied that Justice Carpio has taken a consistently and directly hostile, adverse and confrontational position against private respondents and their alleged assets," said the Marcos siblings in a motion to inhibit filed on Sept. 4.

And it isn't just the Marcoses who want Carpio off their case.

Yesterday, lawyers for the Cyber Bay Reclamation and Development Corp. (formerly the Amari Coastal Bay Development Corp.) asked Carpio to inhibit himself from the high court's deliberations on the legality of its joint venture with the Public Estates Authority.

In its motion to inhibit, Cyber Bay claimed that prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, Carpio had concluded that the reclamation deal "was void ab initio (from the start) for not having been properly bidded out."

It said that Carpio gave his opinion in his "Crosscurrents" column in The Manila on July 1, 1997.

Cyber Bay is seeking to reverse a July 9 Supreme Court order nullifying the controversial PEA-Amari deal.

MISEDUCATING THE NATION

This is my reaction to the passage in the Aug. 20 editorial of the Inquirer which stated that "according to some educators, the Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) is showing some promise in improving secondary education," and also to the pronouncement last Aug. 28 of Education Secretary Edilberto de Jesus that he was "particularly interested in continuing the Basic Education Curriculum of his good friend Roco." I had hoped that with Roco's exit, true and meaningful reforms in Philippine Education will now have a chance, but that is not to be, after all. And so, while half-truths and whole lies crowd the pages of our broadsheets, I am here forced to use my own meager resources to put up this paid ad, in order to tell the truth about the poison that is the BEC. By teaching that "salt, metals, chalk and glasses are elements," that "fish breathe in air," and that "squid live in rivers and lakes," the BEC institutionalizes **destructive instruction**. Following are some of the 540 errors (excluding tyros) I have culled from the Secondary English Language Curriculum which prove beyond reasonable doubt that it is indeed **defective to the last degree:**

- The Secondary English Language Curriculum seeks to develop citizenship and provides for the development of the English Language because language is a means of communication in the real world.
- Conduct a covert dialogue with the writer. Process speech at different rates. Get information from rapid and distorted speech. Infer the function of utterance. Determine the feeling levels of utterances in a scale of 1 to 5. Bear in the mind the contributions of British and America, with the aim in view of expressing appreciation for the author's choice of words. Self-talk. Green housing ideas. Moving ideas. Prohibited signs. Inter-connectedness Integration.
- Let us make graffiti of your ideas about school and education. Add your honest idea to the following:
    1. School
       Example: School can be boring.
    2. Education
       Example: Education makes a nation.

  Teacher posts a manila paper on the wall and asks students to do the graffiti during their free time.
- Students will be grouped into five, each will share to the group so that they came up with a ballad.
  Example: Ballad of Terrorism
- Instead of the usual way of reciting a poem, the teacher would ask a students to recite the poem by Rapping, using his own beat rhythm.
- In writing a Letter to the Editor, focus on fluency and not on the correctness of your grammar. The teacher will pretend that she is the address.
- Compute this map. Consult the encyclopedia so you can define these terms: River of Three Fold Path, Pool of Blood, Needle Mountain. Retell a story heard through pictures.
- Our public school system was established as a safeguard against the dangers of democratic government and democratic institutions.
- Prostitution can be seen as violation of human rights because no one should be too cruel and degrading institution of prostitution.
- The student are inattentive because the lesson is not interesting so the students are inattentive. The teacher will give a short introduction above Africa. The Sahara is the most popular desert in the world. Baguio is the simmer capital of the Philippines.
- Always be humble and single. Our school always prided itself on incalculating concern for others. Tell how you felt after scarifying for another's well being. The experience will equip us with the knowledge or the Leviticus that will govern our lives.
- If you're a Negro you try to change you're appearance so as it fit in the crowd and be one of the superior race so to speak if not what would you rather do?
- The terrorists viewed the soldier's body that they had ambushed. They held on the Burnham couple. Hostage taking is rampant in the Philippines.
- Time out how much you learned by classifying matters with your classmates. They're upon ideas will be collaborately constructed on the board.
- Israelis fear that the Arabs want to dive them out of the sea. The singer considers all men and women his another sisters.
- 27 soldiers were ported from Jolo. Is there a chance of bringing out differences to an agreement of Misuari and Mindanao? Of Mindanao and the whole nation?
- News must be reported in a calm and emotional way. Use a slow rate of speech when talking. Do not tap your fingers in impatience.
- How do you keep tab on anniversaries? Do you keep track of them or do you keep celebrating them?

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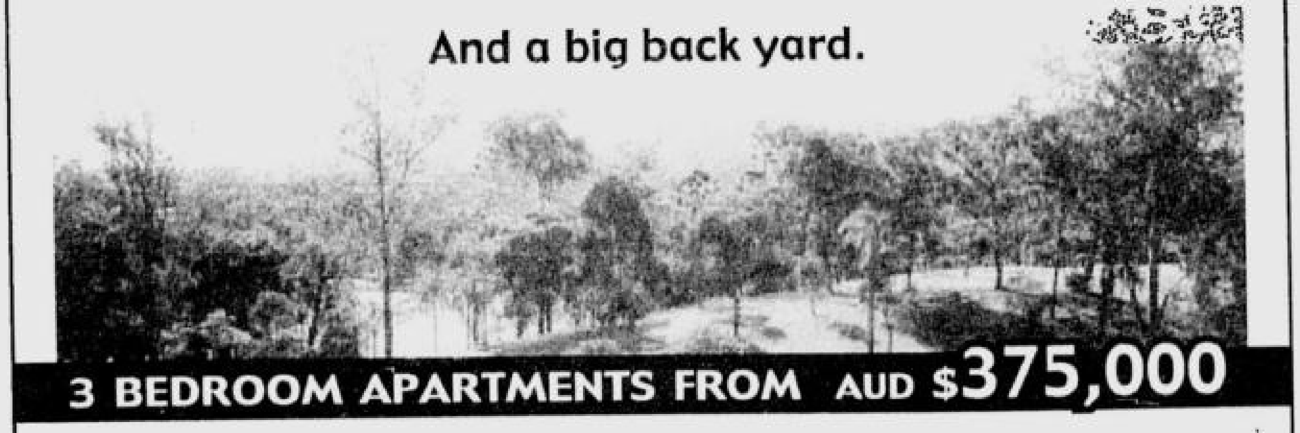

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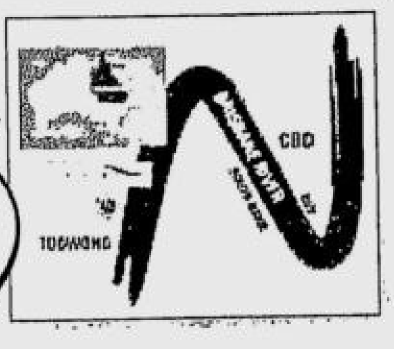

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The Department of Labor and Employment through Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas and the Metro Manila Council of Women Balikatan Movement headed by its chairperson, Leonarda Camacho, recently signed a memorandum of understanding which stipulates DOLE support for the Balikatan projects of livelihood in the 17 cities and towns of Metro Manila. Signing the memorandum are (left to right) Camacho, Tomas and Dr. Concordia Pascual. Looking on are Balikatan treasurers Cir Paje, Lita Carpio and Rexie Constantino, secretary.

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Dr. Victor Lanctis, president of the International College of Dentists (center) is welcomed by officials of the Philippine section of the College headed by its president, Dr. Luis Orosa (second from left), Dr. Antonio Valdemor, president-elect, and Dr. Ermelinda Galang, vice president. Dr. Lantis and his wife, Marlyn (right), were in the country for a four-day visit last week.

NEWSBRIEFS

Used car imports banned

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday announced a ban on the import of used motor vehicles. The ban was suggested by Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas during a cabinet meeting and covered all types of vehicles, except fire trucks and ambulances, a government statement said.

No reason was cited for the ban but officials have earlier said many smugglers were bringing in new vehicles into the country by passing them off as used vehicles. Used vehicles are also a source of pollution, they said. There are currently at least 52,615 used vehicles unaccounted for by the vehicle registration bureau. *AFP*

8.5 malnourished RP kids

MORE than 8.5 million Filipino children of school age are malnourished, and this is among the most critical problems of Philippine education, according to opposition Sen. Edgardo Angara.

Angara said new Education Secretary Edilberto de Jesus should "pay attention to the silent hunger that has been wasting and stunting millions of Filipino school children." He noted that malnutrition, "a major cause of mediocrity in schools," was most widespread in depressed rural areas. "Unless an institutionalized solution is put in place" he warned, "the next generation of Filipinos will be a generation of under-performers."

Angara cited a report to the World Food Summit in Rome three months ago which, he said, documented the "alarming rise" of malnutrition cases in the Philippines.

This showed that "a government commitment to reduce malnutrition, both in children and adults, has miserably failed."

RP sailor sent to Norway

OSLO, Norway—A Filipino crewman who sailed away from a deadly collision with a French ship was extradited on Monday from the Netherlands to Norway, police here said. Ronnie Zape was in command of the Norwegian chemical tanker Bow Eagle on August 25 when the ship ran down a French fishing boat, leaving four crew members missing and presumed dead.

He is to be charged with failing to help persons in danger at sea and could face up to six years in jail under Norwegian law, but he is not accused of manslaughter, police said this month.

Zape, 39, was taken into custody upon arriving in the town of Bergen on Norway's west coast. Officials are to decide on Tuesday whether to keep him in preventive custody. *AFP*

Travelmart launch

THE PHILIPPINE Tour Operators Association (PHILTOA) will launch tomorrow the 13th Philippine Travel Mart (PTM) at the Heritage Hotel.

The travel mart is the foremost exposition for Philippine travel, tourism, culture and lifestyle.

Felix Christopher Alegre, PHILTOA president, said this year's travel mart, scheduled Nov. 22 to 24 at the SM Megatrade Halls 1-3, serves as a symbolic segue to Visit Philippines 2003.

"It also marks our all-out support of President Macapagal Arroyo's policy to identify tourism as a major engine of growth for the Philippine economy," he said. "We have worked with full confidence with Tourism Secretary Richard J. Gordon who has gained the World Tourism Organization's endorsement of Visit Philippines 2003."

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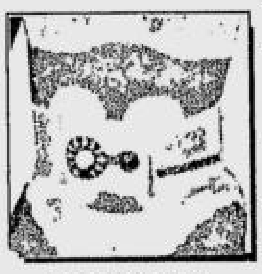

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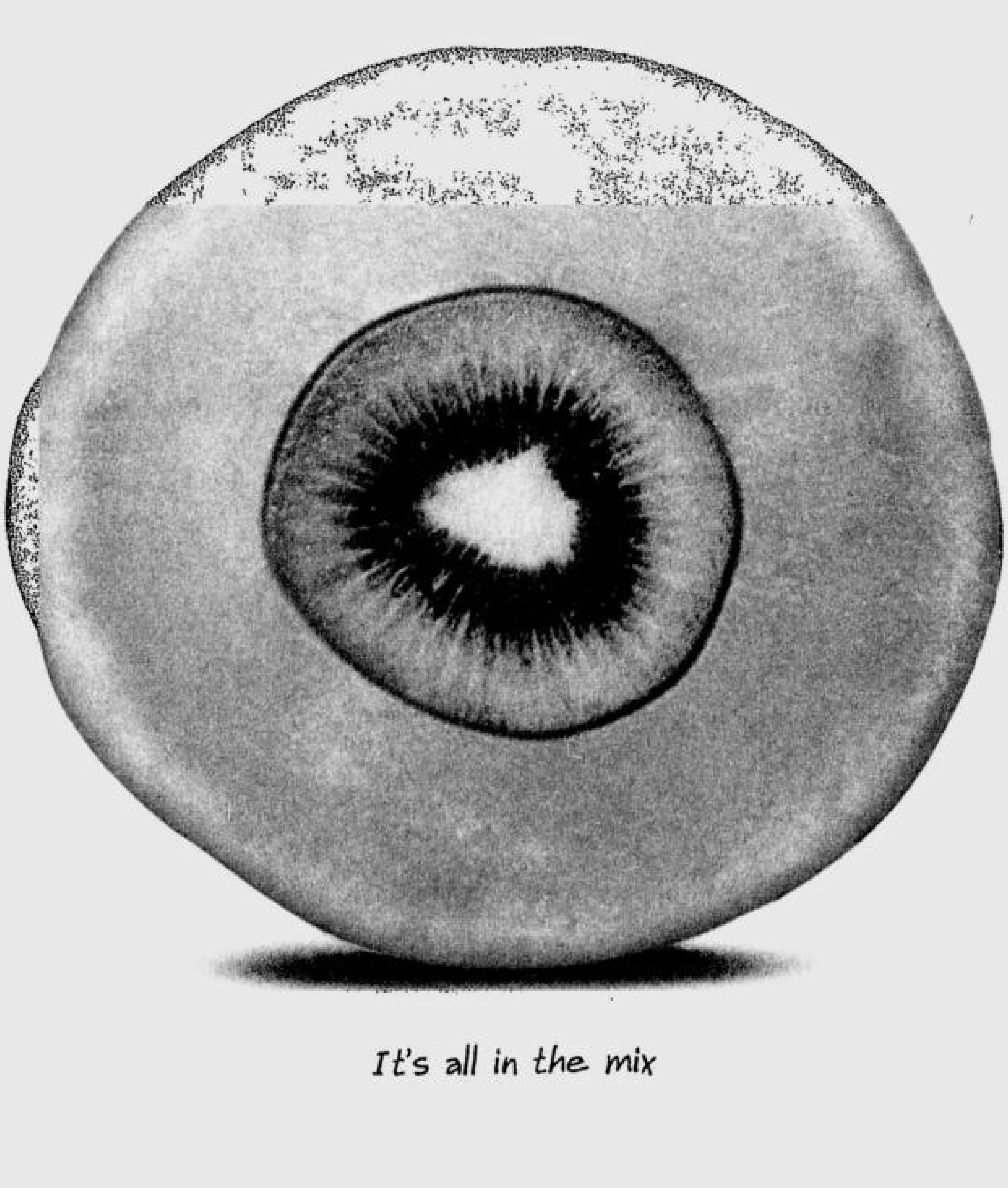

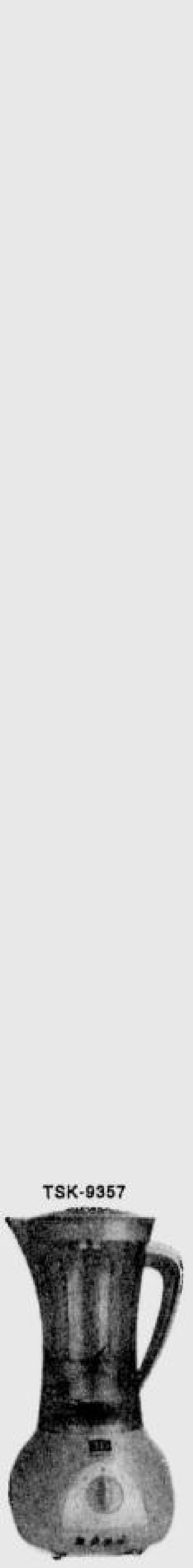

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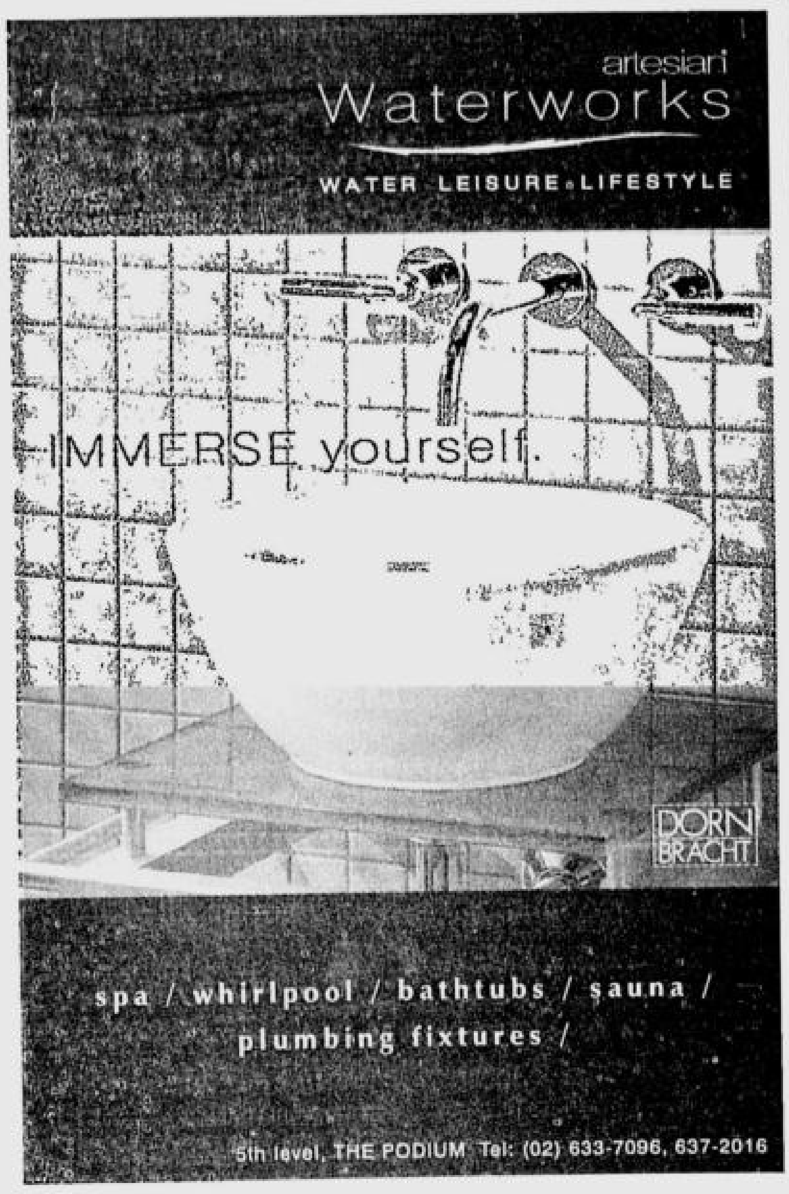
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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

We, from various sectors, would like to appeal to Her Excellency on the planned draft memo banning the importation of used trucks, vans, and utility vehicles. We are aware that some sectors are appealing to our government to give in to their demands. However, we would like you to be enlightened on the grimmer scenario of having more expensive cost of mass transport, agricultural, commercial, construction, and industrial projects, be it government or private in nature. We believe that eventually, any move by our government should favor the greater majority instead of protecting the interests of the few.

On behalf of the organizations that we represent, we would like to formally express our dissent on this proposed ban since we believe that it will trigger a drastic economic slow down throughout the entire nation.

The influx of second-hand trucks and equipment into the country enables *Juan de la Cruz* to gain access to cheap vehicles for his personal and business needs. For instance, a brand new 10-wheeler dump truck is available for P5 million while a used one can be acquired for P500-700,000. This allows our members who are mostly small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to acquire capital goods at affordable prices - their savings become working capital. These SMEs, whom you call "the best users of capital", are the prime movers behind the economy. We are able to expand our businesses, thus creating hundreds of thousands of jobs for Filipinos nationwide. Farm-to-market roads are completed faster and with smaller budgets; transportation costs go down; more schools, public markets and housing projects are built; and farmers increase their productivity.

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Please do not be misled by claims that certain private sectors are "dying" because reports show that they register a steady increase in annual income *(see Philippine Daily Inquirer article dtd. 9/10/02 entitled "Big Demand for AUVs, SUVs-Jan.-Aug. Auto Sales Up")*. Please assess their true intentions because the statistics seem to contradict their plea.

We believe that it is not prudent for the government to implement a drastic measure when the economy is on the verge of recovery. Hence, we would like to appeal to your good office to review the proposed ban thoroughly prior to any implementation as it might result to adverse and irreversible effects.

In the spirit of good governance, we trust that you will hear us out. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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No US 'special favor' to RP, says Maceda

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MACEDA

Southeast Asian nations were even behind Africa in the hierarchy of interests of the world's only superpower.

Maceda gave this observation at the "Reliving Sept. 16, 1991," a commemoration of the historic Senate vote that expelled US military bases from the Philippines 11 years ago. The commemoration was held at the Bahay ng Alumni on the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, Quezon City.

Maceda was one of the so-called "Magnificent 12" senators who voted for the non-extension of the RP-US bases agreement. He later served as Philippine ambassador to the United States during the Estrada administration.

"In my experience as ambassador to Washington, the Philippines has never been the subject of special favors from the US," he said.

He shared the speakers' panel with other members of the "Magnificent 12," including now Vice President Teofisto Guingona, Makati Rep. Agapito "Butz" Aquino, and former Sen. Wigberto Tañada.

Maceda said Washington's "No. 1" foreign concern was still Israel and the Middle East, followed by Europe, particularly Nato members, the Balkans and Russia, and Latin America since "22 percent of US voters" now are Spanish speaking.

No. 4 is the African continent, and "the last is Asia, perhaps with the exception of Japan and South Korea," he said.

Maceda recounted how he and fellow ambassadors from the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations often found themselves harboring gripes *("puro kami himutok")* whenever they got together.

He said their common lot included facing difficulties in seeking an audience with Washington VIPs such as then US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Proposed resolution

In the House of Representatives, Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo said yesterday he was preparing a resolution that would call for a congressional review of the RP-US Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT) of 1951, the mother treaty of the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) and the proposed Mutual Logistics and Services Agreement (MLSA).

Ocampo said he was consulting with people, especially advocates of the return of a strong US military presence in the country, on the crafting of the resolution.

The party-list representative said he earlier thought of filing a resolution asking President Macapagal-Arroyo to make public the contents of the MLSA, which will supposedly result in the permanent stay of US military forces in the country.

"But we have to go to the cause of the issue and that is the MDT," Ocampo said in a phone interview. He said the MDT was "not applicable" in these times because the treaty was entered into by Manila and Washington in the wake of the "threat" posed by the socialist bloc to the so-called Free World in the 1950s.

"That situation is not here anymore and yet the MDT is being used to justify the VFA and the proposed MLSA," Ocampo said.

He said a congressional review of the MDT would allow the country to assess the treaty's validity in these times.

Ocampo said his proposed resolution came after he met with anti-US bases advocates on Tuesday when they commemorated the 1991 Senate rejection of the RP-US treaty that would have allowed the extension of the stay of US bases in the country.

Bikini-clad . . .

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sipping champagne or reclining seductively on the lids.

"We wanted to make the whole idea of picking your coffin less serious, maybe even make people laugh a bit," Giuseppe Tenara, one of the partners, said.

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Still, not all clients have been charmed.

"Some people are scandalized, but we just explain that we're trying to make people laugh," Tenara said. *Reuters*

AMID MUDSLINGING

Ombudsman bets down to 22

By Michael Lim Ubac

TWO WEEKS before they are to begin interviews with the Judicial and Bar Council, some top contenders for the post of Ombudsman have fallen victim to mudslinging through text messages, false media reports and even a formal complaint.

The list of Ombudsman candidates has been limited to the 22 aspirants who were able to confirm their nominations by Aug. 31.

Justice Undersecretary Jose Calida became the first victim over the weekend after text messages circulated that he was no longer interested in the position.

Instead, Calida had supposedly agreed to be appointed solicitor general in place of Simeon Marcelo, another leading candidate for the Ombudsman post vacated by Aniano Desierto who retired.

Calida flatly denied the rumors, saying he had not taken himself out of the running.

Acting Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio also fell prey to what he branded as "black propaganda" by unidentified quarters.

On Monday, a dzMM radio reporter, quoting a Malacañang insider, said that the JBC had trimmed the list of nominees to 12, and Gervacio was among those dropped from contention.

Shortlist

Those who made it to the short list, the reporter said, were Marcelo, Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño, Presidential Commission on Good Government chair Haydee Yorac and human rights lawyer Romeo Capulong.

But Sen. Francis Pangilinan, Senate representative to the nine-member JBC, belied the report.

Pangilinan denied over radio dzRH that the JBC had scaled down the list. "No, his (Gervacio's) name is still on the list. There's no final list," he said.

Pangilinan said the public has until Sept. 30 to relay to the JBC any information they may have about any candidate.

Even the quiet and unassuming Zuño was not spared from attack. He suddenly found himself charged with graft for allegedly influencing an estafa case involving a Batangas cooperative which counts his wife, Eden, as a member.

"We do not want to be involved in politics. So please do not drag us into this. We just want to set the record straight," said Batangas Health Multi-Purpose Cooperative chair Dr. Marcelino Malabanan.

Malabanan said the co-op had charged its former treasurer, Joy Gutierrez, with estafa for allegedly failing to account for some P782,000 in co-op funds.

Gutierrez's husband Aren, however, filed graft charges against Zuño, saying he had influenced the DOJ's decision not to hear the case because of his wife's membership in the co-op.

Zuño reviews all DOJ decisions before they reach Justice Secretary Hernando Perez for final disposition.

DOTC launches crackdown on 'colorums,' smoke belchers

TRANSPORTATION Secretary Leandro Mendoza has ordered a crackdown on smoke belchers and "colorum" vehicles plying the streets of Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

Mendoza said the campaign was part of the effort to ease the traffic problem in the metropolis. He also said public utility vehicles (PUVs) illegally operating particularly, jeepneys, buses, and FX taxis would be apprehended.

"The crackdown on the colorum vehicles as well as smoke belchers is a continuing process," Mendoza said.

The DOTC chief added he had already ordered an investigation on the reports that most apprehended PUVs managed to maneuver themselves out of the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

He noted reports of buses, jeepneys and taxis held by the LTO for colorum operations being released a day after they were apprehended.

Mendoza ordered Land Transportation Office (LTO) Chief Roberto Lastimoso to map out a concrete plan to solve the problem.

He said some 3,000 buses, taxis and jeepneys are operating illegally.

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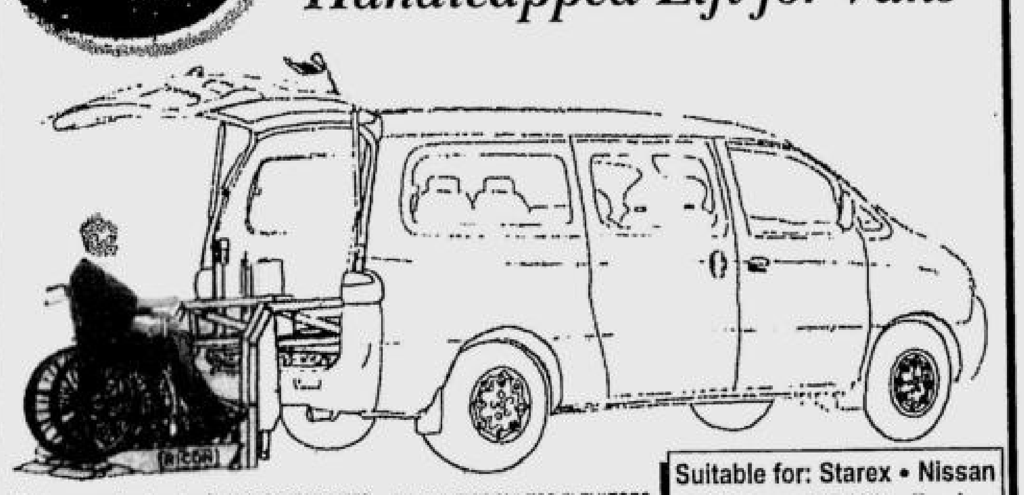

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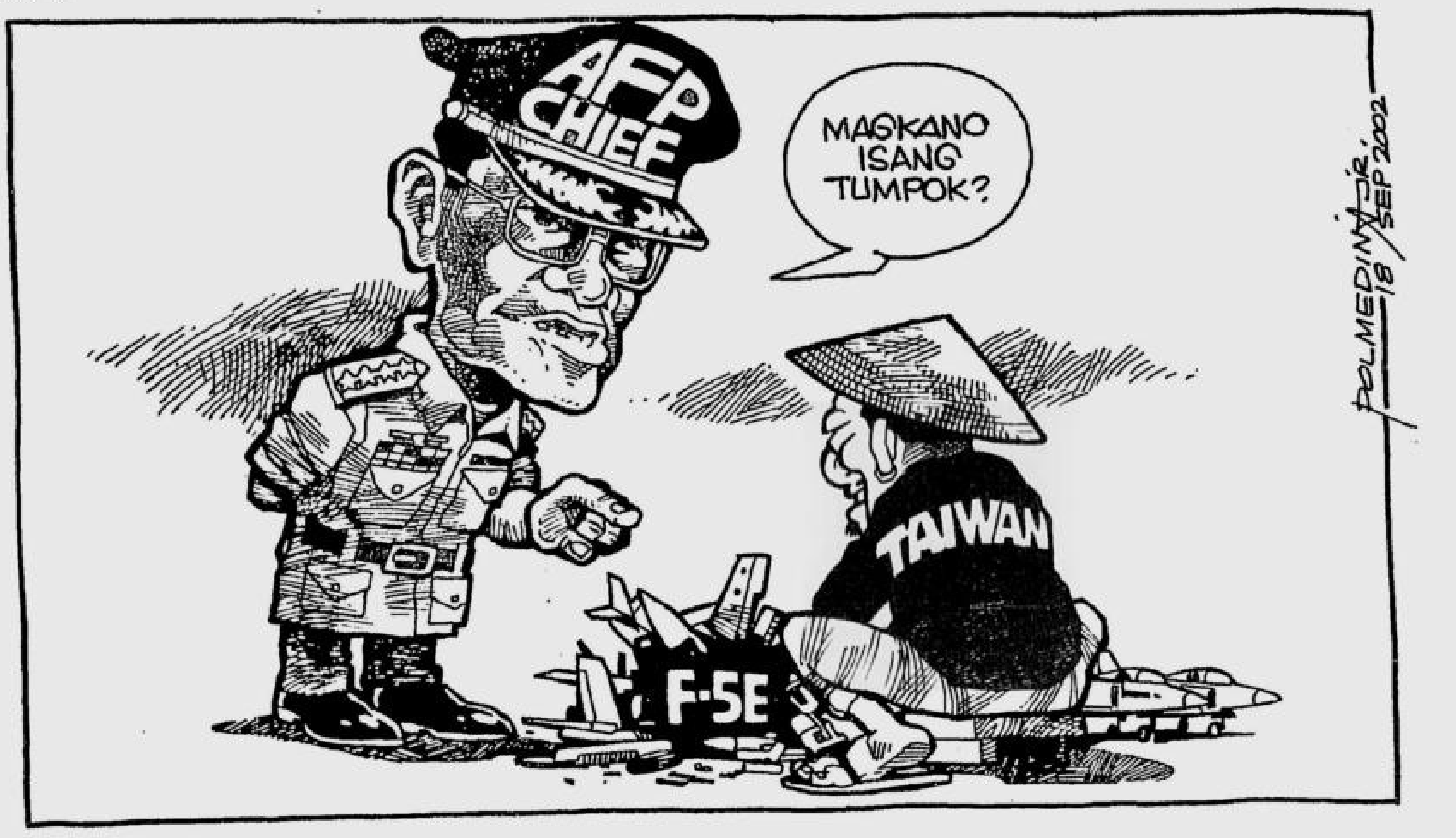

Secret formula

EDITORIAL

AT LEAST they are home safe now. That is the best thing people can say about the release of the two [illegible] young children of Negros Occidental Rep. Jules Ledesma in Makati early yesterday morning. And until the full story is told, the only sensible reaction the public can have is a feeling of relief that the ordeal of the Ledesma children is over—not a greater confidence in the capacity of law enforcement agencies to protect the citizens, not a greater certainty that the law will catch up with evil-doers, not a greater feeling of safety.

The Ledesma children—a girl aged 10 and a boy aged 5—were kidnapped Friday morning in San Juan, Metro Manila, as they were being driven to school in a van with t[illegible]va. The daring kidnapping was carried out by at l[illegible] burly men armed with high-powered guns, who [illegible] up the van's tire and raked nearby houses with gunfire to discourage anyone from coming to the help of the victims. It dealt a very serious blow to the government's two-month old campaign against crime and was a major embarrassment to President Macapagal-Arroyo who had earlier declared the high-profile campaign a big success and predicted that kidnapping syndicates would be crushed within six months.

The day after the kidnapping, Ms Macapagal appealed to the media to impose a news blackout, saying that reporting on the "live case" could put the children's lives in peril. She assured the people that a "tried and tested formula [illegible] the safe release of the children was in place.

[illegible]he same phrase Ledesma would use to end the questioning of inquisitive reporters. And he used it again to explain how his children were freed. Their release, he said, was the result of employing a "tried and tested formula that works."

But now that the primary objective of getting back the children has been achieved, Ms Macapagal and Ledesma owe the public a more detailed explanation for the magic formula.

To those who aren't privy to their secret, there is only one "tried and tested formula" to ensure the safe release of kidnap victims: pay the ransom demanded by the kidr[illegible] That was how the mostly foreign hostages taken f[illegible]adan got back their freedom from the Abu S[illegible]nat was how the richest hostage from Dos Palma[illegible]ghis Romero, managed to "escape" from his Abu S[illegible]ptors.

Su[illegible] few victims have been rescued, but unfortunately [illegible]ch successes have been rare. And definitely the L[illegible]de[illegible] case was not one of them.

If [illegible]edesma children were not rescued, if they did n[illegible] from their captors, why then did their kidnapp[illegible]em free? Did they perhaps develop cold feet, know[illegible] the government would spare no effort to get then[illegible]nd get over its embarrassment? Unlikely, or else w[illegible]ld they pull off that caper in the first place? W[illegible] moved by pity? Or did they find conversion?

[illegible] Ledesma thanked not only the authorities f[illegible]ease of his children but also their kidnappers f[illegible]ming them. What will such gratitude cost him? O[illegible] paid?

[illegible] lawmaker, and that is the reason this case a[illegible]uch attention. But his position also imposes [illegible] bigger responsibility to follow government p[illegible] the official policy is not to pay ransom to kidnappers. Did he break this policy? He has not denied it outright.

If he did pay ransom, then Ledesma got back his children unharmed at the cost of making society more dangerous for everyone. The burden is on him now to make sure the kidnappers never get to do to others what they had done to his children by giving our law enforcement agencies his full cooperation.

Wrong perspectives

FOREIGN COMMENT

ON[illegible] year after the Sept. 11 tragedy the deep rift between the [illegible]ews of the left and the right on the terrorist attacks re[illegible]ins. The left still denies the need for military solutions to the terrorist threat while the right persists in its refusal to recognize the roots of Bin Ladenism. Both these perspectives are just as misleading. Osama bin Laden and his disciples are an extreme remnant of mujahedin's war against the Soviet Union and no representatives of the Third World. They must be traced and rendered harmless. The war in Afghanistan was necessary. But if the war against terrorism will succeed, the United States must do something about the environment that produces the hate of the United States and fanaticism and gives Bin Laden's propaganda a sounding board."

Expressen (Stockholm, Sweden)

Auctioneers answer charges against them

As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

THE LOCAL but foreign-owned car assemblers, although they're cheating the government out of the proper taxes, are still asking the government to protect them from Filipino entrepreneurs selling at auctions second-hand vehicles and construction equipment. They have hurled many charges against the Association of Philippine Auctioneers (APA): that they are engaged in smuggling; that the vehicles, because they were converted from right-hand drive to left-and drive, are not safe; that these vehicles pollute the air and violate the Clean Air Act; that the auctions, if continued, will kill the local vehicle industry and throw thousands of workers out of jobs.

Representatives of the APA were at the Kapihan sa Manila forum last Monday and answered these charges one by one:

1. That the auctioneers are engaged in smuggling.

In the first place, the Department of Justice, the Government Corporate Counsel, the Office of the President and a series of congressional investigations have cleared the auctioneers of these charges and upheld the legality of the importations.

Items coming in through Subic go through a rigid screening process, from importation to the subsequent exit of the cargo through the SBMA gates. Items cannot leave Subic unless the proper taxes and duties are paid. When you get your vehicle outside the gates, you can be sure that all the duties, taxes and fees have been paid and all the documentation is in order. Why cheat on these when the buyer pays for all of them but the price is still cheap?

The auctioneers pay the government billions of pesos in taxes.

2. That these converted vehicles are unsafe.

In the first place, these vehicles sold in right-hand drive countries were manufactured with the intention that it can be imported to left-hand drive countries. There are more of the latter and therefore the market there is bigger. Therefore, the vehicles are manufactured with conversion kits that make transferring the steering wheel, the pedals, the dashboard and adjusting the headlights from right to left very easy and foolproof. Repositioning technology is now a far cry from that being used almost 30 years ago.

Moreover, all the vehicles go through a rigid quality control scrutiny by the auctioneers and by the Land Transportation Office through its Motor Vehicles Inspection Section (MVIS).

For the last 35 years, insurance companies are insuring these converted vehicles. If they are unsafe, insurance companies, whose main business is to study, assess and evaluate "risk," would certainly not accept them. But all these vehicles that exit Subic have ample insurance coverage.

Taking one step further, the ABA has taken the initiative to have its mechanics certified by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda).

Lastly, there is not a single documented case of a vehicle getting involved in an accident because of a defect in its conversion.

3. That the second-hand vehicles are polluting the air and violating the Clean Air Act.

Before any of these vehicles can be registered at the LTO, it must first have a Certificate of Compliance to Emission Standards (CCES) from the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) after passing inspection at the MVIS. Unless there is a CCES, the vehicle cannot be registered. If the vehicle does not pass the inspection, it has to undergo mechanical repair until such time that it passes the test.

4. That the auctions will kill the local assemblers and throw thousands of workers out of jobs.

The assemblers claim that for every second-hand vehicle sold, it means one less brand-new vehicle sold. This is a simplistic reasoning.

Despite the auctions, the assemblers themselves have declared an 11 percent increase in sales of their new units. If they cannot sell their units, why does a buyer have to wait three to four months for delivery of the vehicle he has already paid for?

The assemblers and the auctioneers cater to different markets. Those who can afford to pay for brand-new units to the assemblers; those who can't go to the auctioneers. Even if there were no auctions, the latter won't go to the brand-new market because they can't afford the cost. So no customers are being stolen from the assemblers. Rather, it allows entrepreneurs and families who don't have enough money an opportunity to own cheaper vehicles for their businesses.

Besides, the assemblers don't assemble heavy equipment. If they import them whole, they are beyond the reach of even big businessmen. Most of our fire trucks, for example, were bought second-hand at the auctions. One new fire truck cost P2.5 million; at the auctions, local government units can buy a 10-ton Nissan fire truck for only P500,000. Imagine what would happen to the budgets of LGUs if they were forced to buy only the new expensive fire trucks.

On the issue of throwing out of jobs, thousands of workers of the car assemblers, it will be 120,000 Filipinos in the auctioneering industry who will lose their jobs if the auctions are banned. One vehicle converted from right to left-hand drive supports five families for one month. Another 300,000 are employed by it indirectly. And hundreds of thousands of workers in the construction, agriculture, fishing, hauling, commerce industries—in fact, all industries that use land transportation, are benefited by the second-hand vehicle market.

That is why associations in all these industries fear any ban and are clamoring for the continuation of the auctions.

Remembering, too

There's the Rub

Conrado de Quiros

I WROTE about it many years ago, the sea change that had taken place in the consciousness of the new generation. My daughter was doing an assignment for her journalism class in the University of the Philippines, which compelled her to do research in Camp Crame. I drove her there for a couple of weeks, and with no small amount of trepidation on my part. Each time I entered the place, I broke into a sweat. The reason for that wasn't so strange. Although I never became a detainee, many of my friends did. Up until the early 1990s, I was visiting some of them in Crame.

The place always took on for me the aspect of high towers and high walls strung up on top with thick rolls of barbed wire. Looked at from small windows in cramped quarters in the dark. I had always imagined in the 1970s, with the boundless romanticism of youth, that if I got jailed I would spend my time reading and writing as there was precious little else to do. A friend of mine, a writer of no mean talent who was detained, disabused me of the thought.

There was something about the psychology of being detained, he said, that robbed you not just of the ability to move freely but of the ability to think freely. It was like quitting cigarettes stone cold, you could not think straight for a while, there was a fog in your brain. He could barely get past a pulp novel in the first few months, he said. Of course, as time went—and he spent quite a lot of it there—he got over the hump. Still, he said, even now he had problems recollecting his experience vividly. Some things the mind just refuses to remember, or just demands to repudiate, whichever sounds more aggressive.

I suppose my own reaction to the camps was a refraction of that, the sense of dread and oppression that detention, however vicarious, however imagined, brought.

But lo and behold, not so for my daughter. She went in and out of Crame—and the other camps—as she would an ordinary government office. That was the first time I realized martial law was over, 10 years after it ended. Some habits die hard. Some thoughts die hard. Some worlds die hard.

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It's the 30th anniversary of martial law this Saturday in case you've forgotten, or don't know, or don't want to know. Most of us probably no longer remember it, we have problems remembering Edsa I and Edsa II alone.

Certainly, the immediate beneficiary of Edsa II cannot seem to recall anymore why people fought the second.

Technically, it's not 30 years ago this Saturday, it's 30 years ago this Sunday. That's one of the curious details about martial law. Ferdinand Marcos did not in fact declare martial law on Sept. 21, which was a Thursday, he declared it on the evening of Sept. 22, which was a Friday. The reason for it was that the following days were holidays, and preempted any protest rallies from students and counter moves from the opposition. He declared it close to midnight of Sept. 22, and in the early hours of the 23rd started rounding up his enemies, rousing them from sleep and throwing them in the camps. That included media personalities, apart from opposition figures.

Marcos, however, had the official date of martial law pegged to Sept. 21 for one reason: He always believed the number "7" and its multiples were lucky for him.

Seemingly a minor detail, that offers in fact a metaphor of sorts for what happened to the country, and to its history—the superimposition of fiction, or myth, on fact or reality. Tyrannical regimes, as I've been reminded again recently by the postwar history of East Germany, tend to rive reality that way, hiding a horrifically wretched world in larger-than-life images of people heroically trying to grasp heaven. Over time, the gap between one and the other widens, reality no longer being able to support the sheer weight of the myth.

Nothing drove that point for me more furiously than that Marcos turned Sept. 21 into Thanksgiving Day and compelled the country to celebrate it with much fanfare. An extended celebration since his birthday fell only 10 days before, on Sept. 11—truly an accursed date—which was presumably also a cause for thanksgiving. "Smiling martial law," he called his regime, in contrast to other authoritarian regimes in Asia. The faces of those who were confined in Crame, and the larger detention center that was the country, bore little trace of that smile.

Ironically, however, the superimposition of myth on reality would not be confined only to Marcos' efforts to inflict himself on the country, it would spill over to the efforts to rid the country of him. Years later, Ninoy Aquino would come home and get murdered in the tarmac of an airport that now bears his name. And a grief-stricken nation would remember only his sacrifice, and not those that came before it. But there was a sacrifice that did come before it, a sacrifice of epic proportions as Howie Severino's "Dekada Setenta," a feature shown recently on TV, reminds us. A sacrifice of the country's best and brightest, the idealist youth and even not so very young men and women who fought Marcos at the height of his deviltry. Not everyone slept during the pit of martial law. Some kept the fires of freedom alive amid the howling of the wind, fanning it with their breath, with their spark, with their life.

It's time we saw that too. It's time reality caught up with the myth there too.

We have our own 9/11, one we would do well to keep vigil over, one we would do well to remember with the grief of the bereaved. An event that wrought a cataclysm on this country, changing forever the way we looked at life and the world. Except that it did not happen on 9/11, it happened some days later, on 9/21, or thereabouts, 30 years ago this Saturday. Or Sunday.

The relevance of authentic birth documents

COMMENTARY

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IT took a letter from one Ma. Victoria S. Diaz, formerly with the Philippine Jesuit Prison Service, to Justice Josue Bellosillo of the Supreme Court to accomplish the feat. Ten minors (news reports reported 12 minors, but two were found to be above 18 years old when the crime was committed) who were formerly detained in death row have now been transferred to the medium security prison in Camp Sampaguita upon the order of the Supreme Court. The high court has found the minority of these children and has ordered their transfer to what is hoped to be more "humane" environment where rehabilitation can be provided. While it is true that the crimes of these youth are considered heinous and grave, it cannot be disregarded that they were minors when they committed these. Article 68 of the Revised Penal Code provides that minority is a mitigating circumstance which does not allow the imposition of the death penalty on individuals below 18.

The first youth offender ever to set foot on death row was Jelly Lipa who stayed in the maximum prisons from 1995 to 1999. Upon review of his case and presentation of his birth certificate by the Commission on Human Rights and the Department of Social Welfare and Development, his sentence was commuted to 10-17 years and he is now in the Iwahig Penal Colony. Antonio Disoy Jr., a former death row inmate was 16 when he was charged with murder. He stayed in death row for three years before the high court acquitted him of charges two years ago. He was already 21 when he walked free. Many youth offenders languish in death row because of the failure of their lawyers to present proof of their minority. These proofs may come in the form of birth certificates, school records, baptismal documents, or affidavits from relatives. While school records, baptismal documents or affidavits are considered vital documents to establish the age of a person, none is as potent as a birth certificate. A birth certificate is considered the primary instrument for establishing a person's age. Since most youth offenders come from the rural areas, many of them either don't have birth certificates or find it hard to locate these documents. Some may have birth certificates, but these are problematic due to inaccuracies in the spelling of names, surnames and middle initials. These inaccuracies would be problems when birth certificates are used as evidence in court. One youth offender in death row currently has a dilemma with his birth certificate because his surname and middle initials were misspelled. Another male youth offender was entered as female in his birth certificate.

It is evident that a birth certificate should not be used as the only primary basis for establishing the age of a person. Although school records and baptismal certificates are also considered secondary evidences, some children, especially in poor areas don't go to school and are not even baptized—and so could not present proof of their age. Are there other documents then, which could be presented aside from birth certificates, school records, baptismal documents and affidavits that are more scientific to help establish the age of an individual charged in court? In other countries, dental records are used to determine the approximate age of individuals, but this procedure has not been explored in the Philippines as a way to establish the age of a youth offender charged in court. Maybe the court could explore this procedure as another way of establishing the age of a child, if birth certificates, school records or baptismal documents are unavailable. Some people say that this would need additional funding and will require extra work from lawyers and social workers. But this is precisely what needs to be done to prevent minors from being sent to the death chamber. All legal measures to establish the minority of youth offenders charged in court should be exhausted during their trial and not after they have been sentenced by the court. Moreover, unless birth registrations are improved and the accuracy of these documents is preserved, or funding for a more scientific procedure in determining the age of an individual can be secured, we would experience the same problems in proving the minority of youth offenders charged with heinous crimes.

Prison records show that there is a new batch of minors who have been given the death penalty. While 10 have been moved out of death row, seven new ones are coming in—and so far only two of these have birth certificates. The Supreme Court resolution that ordered the transfer of the 10 minors out of death row will hopefully be a precedent in moving this new batch to Camp Sampaguita where they could be given the appropriate rehabilitation. But then again, unless the birth certificates of these minors are retrieved or other documents that could help prove their minority are established, moving them out of death row is almost impossible.

No proof yet of Bin Laden-Saddam link

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

UNLIKE last year, when most of the governments of the "free world" stood behind the United States in its decision to go after Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terrorist network and their protectors, the Taliban regime of Afghanistan, traditional American allies are today balking at America's attempts to drag them into another war.

In Europe, only Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom has expressed unequivocal support for US President George W. Bush's campaign to get the rest of the world behind his plan to launch a concerted attack on Iraq. Elsewhere, foreign governments are urging caution and demanding a clear majority mandate from the members of the United Nations before agreeing to fall in line with the United States' desires.

This is the same line now being advanced by our own government, days after the President much too eagerly fell in line with the Bush agenda and generously offered free and unlimited use of our air space to US warplanes. Some officials have even begun to rethink the recent decision to deploy a "crisis management" team to the Middle East to prepare for the repatriation of Filipinos from Iraq. Such a move, some say, could be construed as a "hostile act" by the Iraqi government. After all, there is still no "crisis" to speak of, except perhaps in "Dubya's" imagination.

Addressing the UN Security Council, Bush sounded very much like a frustrated bully who couldn't get his cohorts to "get with the program" and gang up against Saddam and Iraq. And like any other bully, he finally declared that if the allies don't see things his way, he would still go ahead and do what he saw fit.

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WHY the reluctance to move against Iraq now, when the world not only stood by but actually cooperated in the invasion of Afghanistan and in Desert Storm?

Well, there's the matter of provocation. Desert Storm was launched because Iraq invaded Kuwait, a violation of territorial integrity that if left unheeded would have threatened regional stability in the Middle East and international border arrangements. What are national borders for if neighbors could up and cross them and claim territories for themselves? (Though it seems the same question could be asked of Israel right now with regard to Palestine.) But even then, even with full UN support, the US-led coalition had to break up operations after expelling the Iraqis from Kuwait and chasing them all the way back to their land. There was no mandate to overthrow Saddam and install democracy in Iraq, that was something that the Iraqis themselves had to do, though with little success so far. Clearly, it's this "unresolved" ending to the high-flying Desert Storm campaign that rankles the machos of the Bush dynasty. As an American commentator wrote, it seems they feel they can never really get rid of the "wimp" label while Saddam remains in power in Iraq.

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AS for Afghanistan, officials at the UN and leaders of other nations sympathetic to the United States felt they could stand by and allow the invasion of a sovereign state because they knew public opinion was solidly behind them.

Unless you were living in a cave (like Bin Laden and the Taliban leaders, perhaps) you would have had to set your eyes on the horrific scenes of 9/11 and realized you were beholding inhumanity and terrorism of unprecedented, indeed unimaginable, scale. Confronted with the scenes of carnage, many may have felt the United States fully justified in avenging the unspeakable, though perhaps the innocent Afghans may not have shared the sentiment.

But it's rather a long leap of imagination and logic to connect the horrors of 9/11 to the threat posed by Iraq's alleged capability to unleash weapons of mass destruction. If the United States indeed has the goods on Saddam and could link him directly to Bin Laden, al-Qaida and the 9/11 plot, why hasn't it been able to present its case conclusively till now?

The fact is that a Bin Laden-Saddam link is quite farfetched. Bin Laden is a leader of militant Islamism whose fervid religiosity found its highest expression in armed combat against the Soviet invaders of Afghanistan. But his descent into terrorism was triggered by the decision of the rulers of his native Saudi Arabia to allow the basing of "infidel" American troops on Saudi soil, which he felt to be a desecration since Saudi Arabia houses the holiest of Islam's shrines.

And why was the United States allowed to set up camp in Saudi Arabia? Because it needed a base from which to stage operations against Saddam during Desert Storm. So in a way, Bin Laden could conceivably heap part of the blame on Saddam.

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WHATEVER we may think of Saddam, a fundamentalist he is not. A professor of Islamic studies at the University of the Philippines says some people have even called Saddam "an anti-fundamentalist."

Before Desert Storm, and perhaps even now, Iraq was among the few secular Islamic states in the region, where women and children enjoyed enviable status. I remember talking with a Unicef official at the start of Desert Storm, and in the course of discussing the campaign's progress, she mentioned that they were watching developments with apprehension and much regret because until then Iraq had chalked up quite an impressive performance when it came to health, nutrition and education, especially for women and children. The situation has deteriorated since then, of course, with the US-led embargo victimizing first and foremost the weakest and least powerful of Iraq's citizens. If Bush should get his way and war should unfold, it will not be Saddam, but ordinary Iraqis who will bear the brunt of the consequences.

The value in not throwing anything away

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo

FOURTEEN years ago I visited the famous antiquarian book dealer Nico Israel in Amsterdam. I had never met him before, but had seen his imprint on reprints of Carlos Quirino's pioneering work "Philippine Cartography" and the two obscure Filipiniana references by the Chilean bibliographer J.T. Medina. My father tagged along and quietly sipped his tea as we were shown a selection of some very rare Filipiniana. While going over two 18th-century pamphlets, I inquired about Blanco's "Flora de Filipinas" and was shown a set with the colored plates. I preferred the black and white edition that was printed in Manila but this was unavailable at the time. When my father asked about the price of the colored edition, Israel quietly quoted US$20,000 nearly causing my father to fall off his seat. The two pamphlets I was interested in cost US$8,000. My father tugged my coat and made a dash for the exit. Fortunately, these pamphlets were purchased by Princeton or Yale that same morning. Thus, I ended up with Israel's reprints.

We walked back to the hotel so my father would stop hyperventilating. When he regained his wits he commented on Filipiniana as alternative investment to stocks, gold or real estate. I was not moved and told him that if my grandfather had collected art, books, or antiques instead of devalued pesos, I would inherit a fortune. Yet, in my rounds of Ermita antique dealers I often conclude that the moral of the story is not to throw anything away. Junk today can become antiques tomorrow.

Surfing the Net last weekend I came across some boxing memorabilia on the 1975 "Thrilla in Manila." Most spectacular being a pair of shorts described as follows:

"These white satin trunks with black trim are the fight trunks worn by Muhammad Ali in this, perhaps his most famous title defense, The Thrilla in Manila. At the center waistband there is an Everlast manufacturing label which includes the logo, Made Expressly for Muhammad Ali. On the front right leg in blue pen are written the words Ali-Frazier fight Thrilla in Manila. On the left leg in blue pen is written, Pres. F. Marcos, Manila, Philippines Oct. 1, 1975. This all appears to have been written by Drew "Bundini" Brown. On the left front leg, the trunks have been signed in black sharpie by Muhammad Ali. This item was part of the Drew 'Bundini' Brown Estate sale...it comes with a certificate of authenticity signed by Craig Hamilton of JO Sports, Inc...one of the foremost authorities in boxing memorabilia and is the expert for the major auction houses and collectors in the sport of boxing."

Naturally, the condition report on the shorts reads:

"Overall good condition. The trunks exhibit soiling on both the front and back which mainly includes a pink cast over the white satin which could possibly be staining from a red robe worn over the shorts. There is a darker pink shade on the white satin on the back of the shorts and some red color run splotches. The shorts show some signs of soiling stains as well, but there are no rips or holes in the fabric."

Historical background is also supplied:

"When Muhammad Ali defeated George Foreman in October 1974, to capture his second heavyweight title, the stage was set for one of the great trilogy fights in boxing history. Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier had fought two times previously, each winning once, both fights highly competitive, neither fighter decisively dominating the other. With Ali now champion, Frazier became the fighter the public was most interested in seeing in (the ring) against him. The site for the fight was chosen to be Manila in the Philippines. The date was October 1, 1975. The fight was everything the public had hoped for. Both men battled round after round inflicting heavy damage on the other. The fight ended after the 14th round when Frazier's trainer Eddie Futch refused to let him come out to take anymore punishment. A weary Ali had won, but was quoted after the fight 'that this was as close to death as he'd ever come.'"

At the time I opened the site the current bid was US$16,152.17 to which you must add 15 percent buyer's premium, $2,422.83, and a bid increment, $575. I could not, if I wanted these shorts, bid lower than $19,150! Then you need to pay shipping, handling, insurance, etc. That's roughly P1 million for a 27-year-old pair of used boxing shorts.

More affordable was the official poster for the Ali-Frazier Thrilla in Manila. It measured 9 x 12" and was printed roughly in red and green. The big dome in Cubao which we all know as the Araneta coliseum, was called the "Philippine Coliseum." What was intriguing were the other fights leading to the main event: Rodney Bobick vs. Larry Holmes; Rolando Navarette vs. Fernando Cabanela; Al Gutierrez vs. Ben Aldeguer; Manny Israel vs. Tito Gonzaga; Dan Reyes vs. Andy Balaba. At the time I opened the auction page the last bid on the poster was $690 which goes up when you add buyer's premium, bid increment, shipping, insurance, etc. Who would keep such an old poster? Who would pay that much for the poster, proving once again that in the world of collectors and collecting—trash to one person can be treasure to another? Auctions are not confined to fine art and antiques, they also handle celebrity garage sales.

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Reviving a dying street

HIGH BLOOD

Pia M. Cinco

WE'D also like to know the concerns of the sixtysomething and above, what makes their blood pressure rise or makes them sit back, content that all's well with their world and with themselves. —Ed.

WHEN Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando announced his commitment to restore cleanliness and order in all our markets, there were varied reactions from Metro Manila citizens. These reactions were anchored on many factors: poor performance of previous MMDA heads, uncooperative vendors and establishment owners, corrupt government enforcers, indifferent citizens, etc.

Paco residents can attest to the sad state of affairs in our public markets. We have Trece de Agosto Street, which has become the market for many, many years. The Paco Public Market still exists, but it is now described as a place to live in, not to sell in." Why? Vendors have opted to sell their goods out on the streets, they have converted their "*puestos*" into dwelling places.

I have a personal experience related to Trece de Agosto. In 1956 I joined the high school faculty of Paco Catholic School (PCS). I used to reside in Kamuning, Quezon City, so my exposure to this street was limited to my arrival at and departure from the school campus as a teacher. The most convenient gate for my use then was the side gate on Trece de Agosto Street fronting Leroy Street.

In 1961, when I became Mrs. Max Cinco Jr., we opted to reside in the Magre Apartments in Paco, which was a short walking distance to the school. So, as a parishioner, I became involved in church activities and developed relations with families in my immediate neighborhood. My weekly trips to the market were opportunities to learn about the work ethics of the vendors whose number was growing alarmingly.

As years passed, stalls were built and eventually vehicles could no longer enter the whole street leading to the public market which was connected to the street by a wooden bridge. As stalls mushroomed in the area, Trece de Agosto was transformed into a wet and dry market. The side gate of the school was closed and has remained closed for several years now. The space along the school walls have become the storage for the vendors' wares. Their garbage has piled high because garbage trucks couldn't enter the street to collect them regularly.

The closing of the Trece de Agosto gate inconvenienced many residents whose children study at the PCS. But upon reflection, the extra distance the children negotiated to reach the school spared them from the harmful effects of the sights, stench and foul language which abound in the street market.

Yes, there have been many moves taken by the mayor's office to drive the vendors from the streets. After a raid, the area was clean and there was order. Invariably, this climate would be short-lived because as soon as the policemen were out of sight, the hawkers went back to their usual business.

The original scenario of disorder and dirt, the stench coming from piles of garbage, the hawkers' screams, reprimands directed at the children at play near the bridge, a drunken vendor asleep, foul language from fighting menfolk—these sights and sounds remain a staple of street life on Trece de Agosto. Now a senior citizen, I am forbidden by my children (they have their own families) from going to market. I believe they are sparing me from the dangers that abound there.

On July 26 this year, Melissa Cayco, head of the NGO Programs Secretariat (City of Manila) called the parish office, asking permission for a venue for a meeting with business establishment owners and residents of Trece de Agosto and Paz Streets. As president of the Parish Pastoral Council, I made representations with Msgr. Domingo A. Cirilos Jr., who readily agreed. The agenda: to draw up policies to restore order and cleanliness in the area as part of the renewed thrust of the "Buhayin ang Manila" project of the Office of the Mayor.

At last the winds of change are blowing over San Fernando de Dilao parish. The good news came just when we were preparing for the parish fiesta in honor of Our Lord of the Holy Sepulcher. Trece de Agosto and Paz Streets are so close to the church and the conditions here do greatly influence the parishioners' participation in our fiesta celebration.

In partnership with the City of Manila, the parish provided the venue for the meetings that followed. To date, there have been several update meetings attended by vendors, establishment owners and residents in the Kalinisan at Kaayusan Program for Trece de Agosto and Paz Streets. I have been invited to these meetings to represent Monsignor Cirilos.

I commend the City Hall Task Force for really hearing the sides of vendors and residents. The general direction is "back to the market." Ocular inspections made by the task force revealed that there are more vendors on Trece de Agosto than in the market of Paco. Repairing and refurbishing the market, therefore, were a must to accommodate vendors and encourage them to sell there again.

It appeared that the vendors were threatened by the goal set by the task force, which was to make Trece de Agosto and Paz Streets "zero-vending" areas. But the implementation would be tempered with compassion. The initial step to be enforced was "no wet market in the streets." The "weeding out" approach would be followed. Who are to be weeded out?: (a) Vendors of wet goods (fish, meat, other seafoods); (b) Non-residents of Manila; (c) Non-Paco residents.

The ultimate goal was to clear the streets of vendors so as to allow vehicles easier access to the market area. This procedure would remove all the hazards in the streets. Essential in the series of meetings was the dialogue between the task force and the vendors. Proof of the meeting of minds of the participating personalities was the choice of Aug. 13, 2002 as the launching date of the Drive Toward Orderliness and Cleanliness. And this did take place.

If you go to Trece de Agosto now, you will see clear indications of the successful negotiations. See what dialogue can do? While the task force supervises the implementation, barangay officials are also asked to help through the tanods. Constituents in the areas concerned are, of course, encouraged to be vigilant about how both sides should keep their end of the bargain.

These are just the initial steps of the orderliness and cleanliness campaign in Paco, in support of MMDA Chair Fernando's no-nonsense project for Metro Manila. I sincerely hope that the dialogue between the task force and the vendors continues, and that the policies agreed upon are implemented and sustained, and do not end up as just another "*ningas cogon*" venture.

How I wish our citizens—here in Paco and elsewhere—learn to be civic-minded by not patronizing any business illegally promoted. Civic-mindedness is as much a duty of residents as it is of vendors.

I look forward to seeing Trece de Agosto restored to its original character—clean, safe and people-friendly.

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Managing the consequences of abortion

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER LETTERS

THIS is in response to your editorial cartoon last Sept. 10, 2002, which showed HB 4110 as a means by which pregnant women's wombs will be attacked.

This is precisely the kind of misrepresentation that has been going on about this bill, which attempts to establish a minimum policy standard that would be in line with accepted international agreements such as those found in the Program of Action of the UN International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in 1994 (ICPD). Our government is a signatory to the ICPD.

These minimum standards address the needs of women for affordable and responsible health care services. Such services are necessary in order to prevent the disability and death suffered by thousands, nay, millions, of Filipino women because of dangerous childbirth, violence in their homes, reproductive tract infections which may or may not be sexually transmitted.

Anyone who has taken the time to read HB 4110 can tell you that there is no provision that attempts to legalize abortion in the Philippines. What is being proposed is that we attempt to "prevent and manage the consequences of abortion."

This provision is in the ICPD. It was also part of the 10-point reproductive health program of the Department of Health under the Ramos administration, so it is not even all that new.

The only other portion where abortion is mentioned, is when the bill calls for a review of eight laws and policies so that these can be made more congruent with the intentions of the bill. The idea that the law on abortion would be reviewed in order to legalize abortion is ridiculous. To oppose the bill, as has been done by groups backed by the Catholic Church, on the basis that it attempts to legalize abortion, is manipulative and deceptive.

This is not the first time those who oppose women's rights to health have used unscientific and unfounded arguments.

Indeed, raising the abortion bogey in order to block attempts at improving health education and services for women (maternal and child care, contraception, anti-violence against women, treatment of reproductive tract infections) has proved far more deadly to women and children. The grim reaper in the editorial cartoon is mislabeled. It is not this proposed bill that has been doing the killing.

We have been forthright about the fact that we wish to have a more enlightened debate on the issue of abortion. During the very rare times the media have bothered to seek our opinion, we have persistently called for a national debate that would involve all sectors, religious denominations and persons of good will.

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In defense of a general

I NEVER thought of writing in defense of a friend. But I could not contain myself from speaking up for Maj. Gen. Romeo B. Dominguez, one of the military officers accused of colluding with the Abu Sayyaf.

It is not because I worked for the Philippine Army for the past 27 years or because the general is a friend, but simply because there has to be justice in the end.

The general was one of the officers I worked with in our office then known as the Philippine Army Civil Relations and Information Service, now Civil Affairs Group. He was then a mere captain. He is the silent type of officer who works quietly but diligently, who shuns corruption and is very devoted to his profession.

His intact family is reflective of the kind of husband and father he is. His only daughter is now a University of the Philippines student. His wife Elbe is an Allied Bank manager. The Commission on Appointments confirmed his two-star rank. The AFP cleared him of the charge of collusion with the Abu Sayyaf. His career is going well and he does not need the present situation at all to sully his name.

Dominguez is a very intelligent man. He would not commit a breach of discipline that would destroy his military career, his integrity, his family and every good principle that he stands for. He enjoys a good standing not only in the defense organization, but also in the community where he belongs.

I say these things because they are the truth. So I am wondering why some sectors of our society are bent on damaging his reputation when he isn't even aspiring for a higher position. Sensitive positions are offered to him because of his capability and his loyalty to his chosen career.

It is lamentable that the media air the sides of people who seem to be dead serious in indicting the general and the two other military officers for a court martial. But why don't they hear the side of people who know the general's true character inside and out?

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Distortion in Meralco's RORB

IN PRACTICALLY all the major newspapers last Sept. 9, 2002, Meralco president Jesus Francisco claimed his company's return-on-rate base (RORB) could go down to 2.8 percent this year.

Meralco's 2.8-percent RORB computation is based on a 1994 Energy Regulatory Board (ERB) ruling that was in fact overturned and reversed by the ERB itself in 1998.

In February 1998, Meralco was found by the ERB to be charging its customers an RORB of 32 percent at a time it claimed its RORB was only 6 percent, thus it was ordered to refund its customers P10.8 billion in overcharges from February 1994, and immediately roll back its rate by P0.167 per kWh. That order has not been implemented up to now.

The 1998 ruling stopped Meralco from charging its income tax to its customers and questionable assets on which Meralco claimed the RORB recovery was disallowed.

Distortions in basic rate with the persistent application of a discredited and outdated ruling will result in more serious consumer prejudice. In the 1994 order reversed by the ERB, Meralco's income tax payment was only P1.2 billion, while the bulk of disallowed assets, the so-called construction work in progress (CWIP) was just P2.1 billion. For base year 2000 which is the basis for the P1.1228 per kWh increase Meralco is asking from the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), the taxes passed on to consumers is P17.6 billion, while the CWIP is over P7 billion.

The RORB formula is a smoke-and-mirrors recovery mechanism for utilities like Meralco, where an understated net income and a padded asset base result in a lower RORB, which then becomes the basis for progressive increases in the utility's basic rate. Booking income tax as a chargeable expense results in an understated net income.

It was the Commission on Audit (COA), after a review of Meralco's books, that excluded income tax from chargeable expenses and disallowed the CWIP from the asset base, as it ruled that whoever earned the income should pay the tax, and that only assets actually used or useful for providing the service constitute part of the asset or rate base.

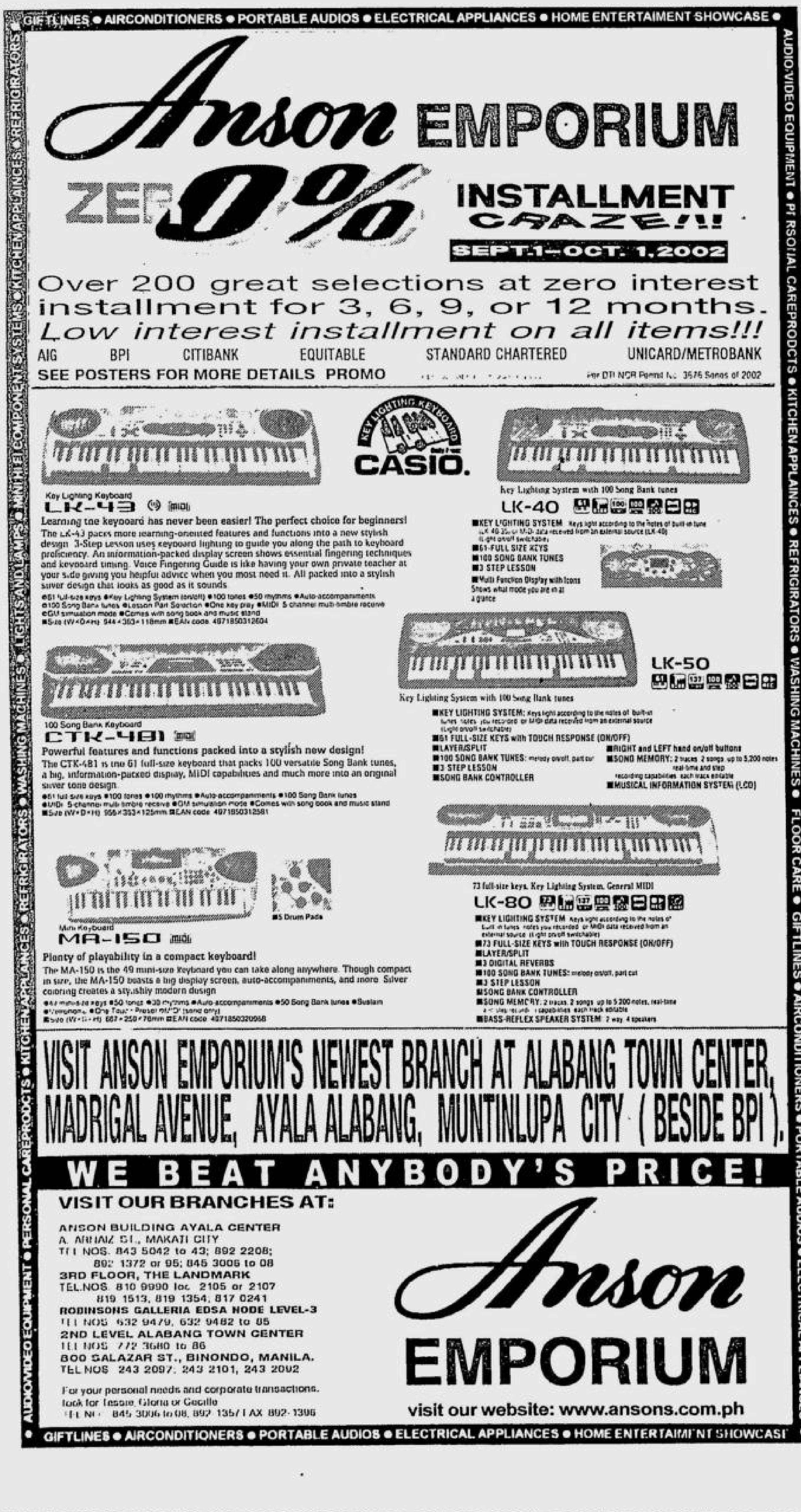
On the strength of the 1998 ruling, we opposed the P0.30 rate hike petition of Meralco in April 2000 because it perpetuated this oppressive recovery mechanism already discredited and reversed by the ERB in 1998. We hope the Supreme Court upholds that pro-consumer ruling of the ERB.

Grossly insensitive to the consumer's plight, Meralco now talks of diminished profitability. While consumers have yet to see the fruits of the 1998 rate rollback order and the refund of the overcharge that persists up to now.

As to Francisco's threats of cutbacks in Meralco's capital expense program without a rate increase, Meralco's owners, particularly the Lopezes, should put in equity to cover this huge outlay. After all, consumers have been underwriting the cost of expansion that should properly be shouldered by the Meralco owners.

Finally, we urge the ERC to throw out Meralco's rate hike petitions pending the Supreme Court ruling, as these should not even have fallen under the general rate unbundling rules of the ERC. Among the over 140 utilities, it is only Meralco that has a pending issue before the Supreme Court.

**—PETE ILAGAN, president,
National Association of Electricity
Consumers for Reforms Inc.
(Nasecore), Unit 616 Roxas
Seafront Townhomes, Roxas Blvd.
corner Ortigas St., Pasay City**



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**—DR. SALVACION D. VIDA, director,
Save the Filipino Family Society,
Pasig City,**

GMA's window in space

COMMENTARY

Malou Tiquia

THE PHRASE "window in space" used to be popular among astronauts and people dealing with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) and outer space. But with the development of political communications in the late 1970s and its explosion with the birth of nontraditional media, "window in space" is now an accepted principle in political marketing, among political consultants and communications consultants or so-called image-makers.

"Window in space" essentially means saying the right thing to the right person at the right time. When one attempts to position a product or a candidate (both are brands, by the way), he seeks to find a window in the mind. This is based on the concept that "communication can only take place at the right time and under the right circumstances."

Interestingly, President Macapagal-Arroyo has been packaged, repackaged, positioned and repositioned once too often that her image-makers or so-called publicists have only succeeded in creating a non-brand. What the publicists have been doing is acknowledge the fact that they have no brand or a weak brand because they often commit line extension. Examples of line extensions are: GMA a la Nora, Ate Glo, Gloria labandera, May Gloria ang bukas mo, Iron Lady, Ina ng Bayan, Gloria gerera, Gloria robo cop, Gloria photo ops, etc. It means everything and nothing. Line extension reveals a weakness, not strength. The rule of thumb has always been: "If there are no brands or weak brands, one can line-extend. But as soon as strong competition arrives, you're in trouble."

For a person who has run for public office since 1992, topping the Senate in 1995 and winning the vice presidency in 1998, GMA is really an evolving work of image consultants. Somehow in the process of positioning and repositioning GMA during the unexpired term of former President Joseph Estrada, she has lost her real brand. It is time for candidate GMA to once and for all respond to the question: Who am I?

But before she answers that question, GMA should be reminded of that Chinese saying that there are three mirrors that form a person's reflection. The first mirror is how you see yourself. The second is how others see you. The third is how you really are.

If her publicists can't get their act together, they will prove to be GMA's undoing because that imprint on the mind of the people has been distorted quite often.

The duty of a communications consultant or publicist is to move clients to the third mirror by combining their descriptions of themselves, the feedback others have given them and the consultant's observations into a frank discussion of who they really are. Publicists should never operate in a vacuum for the image they create or the brand they position is connected to an overall marketing plan, in this case an election.

To be successful these days, the publicist must touch base with reality. And the only reality that counts is what's already in the prospect's mind.

In an over-communicated society, messages need to be simplified. Messages need to be selected first and not communicated immediately because if publicists communicate everything as in the Gloria robo cop version, nothing gets through to the public mind due to the volume of things/images/programs/events getting through.

The varying persona of GMA should not be tested publicly. The national stage is not a huge laboratory for publicists. She should not jump from one image to another.

But then again, some have suggested with some exasperation to let her suffer her fate and leave her to her publicists. We can almost see the next bumper sticker: "*Nasubukan na 'yan, iba naman.*"

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The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

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US says it can afford any action on Iraq

PORTLAND, Maine—The United States can bear the financial cost of whatever action against Iraq is needed, US Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said on Monday, after a top White House economic adviser said that price tag could run as high as $200 billion.

"Importantly, (President George W. Bush) hasn't said we're going to war. He said he's determined that there's going to be a regime change (in Iraq) and so we'll see how this unfolds," O'Neill said after a speech in Portland.

"Whatever it is that's finally decided to be done, we will succeed and we can afford it," the Treasury chief, who is on a short swing through New England and New York to discuss the President's economic agenda, said during audience questions.

The potential economic and fiscal cost of military action against Iraq—in the form of greater military spending, rising oil prices and investor uncertainty—has become a hot topic as the drumbeat of US calls for action against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein gains in volume.

Lawrence Lindsey, Bush's chief economic aide, told the Wall Street Journal he estimated the United States may have to spend as much as an "upper bound" of 1 to 2 percent of its gross domestic product.

With US GDP running at about $10 trillion a year, that translated into a one-time cost of $100 billion to $200 billion, the Journal said. That was considerably higher than a preliminary private Pentagon estimate of about $50 billion, according to the Journal.

'Premature'

White House officials showed surprise at Lindsey's estimates and described his assessment as "premature."

While the financial costs sound high, economists, officials and even Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan have said that unless the war is prolonged, the economy will suffer only fleeting pain from such a campaign.

Lindsey told The Washington Times there were a number of possible shapes US action against Iraq could take.

"But under every plausible scenario, the negative effect is quite small relative to the economic benefits that would come from a successful prosecution of the war," He said. "The key issue is oil, and a regime change in Iraq would facilitate an increase in world oil (that would lower prices)."

Oil prices had surged on the back of concerns about potential US action in the Middle East, which some feared could lead to supply disruptions. International benchmark Brent crude touched a year-high, while US crude last month rose to a 19-month peak. Prices slipped back slightly on Monday.

Oil price shocks

While economists and Greenspan say the US economy is less vulnerable to oil price shocks than in the past, those in 1973 and 1974, the late 1970s and early 1990s "were all followed by recessions," according to a report on the US Energy Information Administration Web site.

"The pressure of energy prices on aggregate prices in the economy created adjustment problems for the economy as a whole," the report said.

With the government due to report its first full-year budget deficit since 1997 for the fiscal year ending this month, the fiscal costs of the war will also likely garner close attention.

Lindsey dismissed the economic consequences of even the substantial spending he estimated might be necessary, saying it would not have an appreciable effect on long-term interest rates or add much to the federal debt, the Journal reported.

Some economists appeared to agree with Lindsey's take on the overall economic impact.

Roger Kubarych, senior economic adviser for the Americas at Hypo-Vereins Bank, said he saw the impact from any confrontation as temporary, in part because he believes Iraq will acquiesce to inspections or, if there is a war, it could be won quickly.

He also said Lindsey's numbers on the potential cost sounded high.

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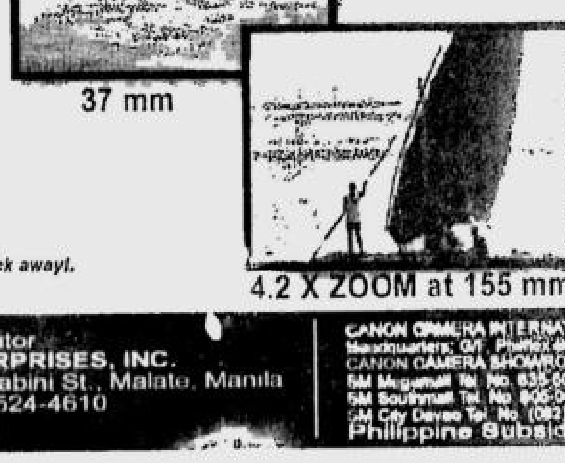
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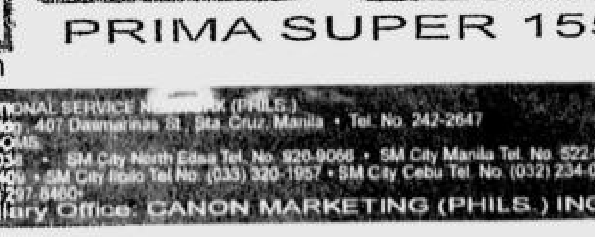
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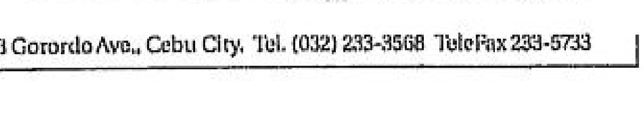

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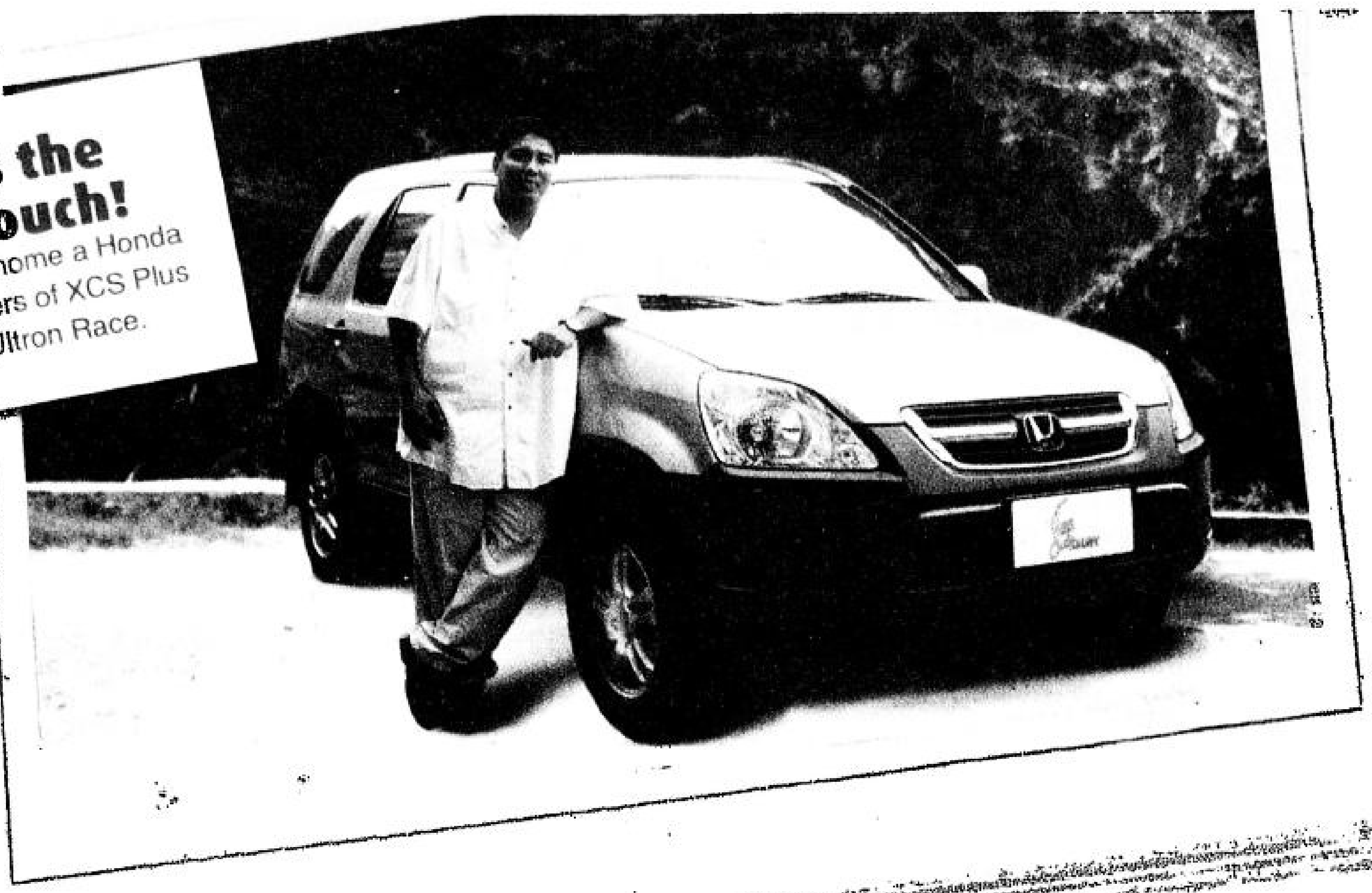

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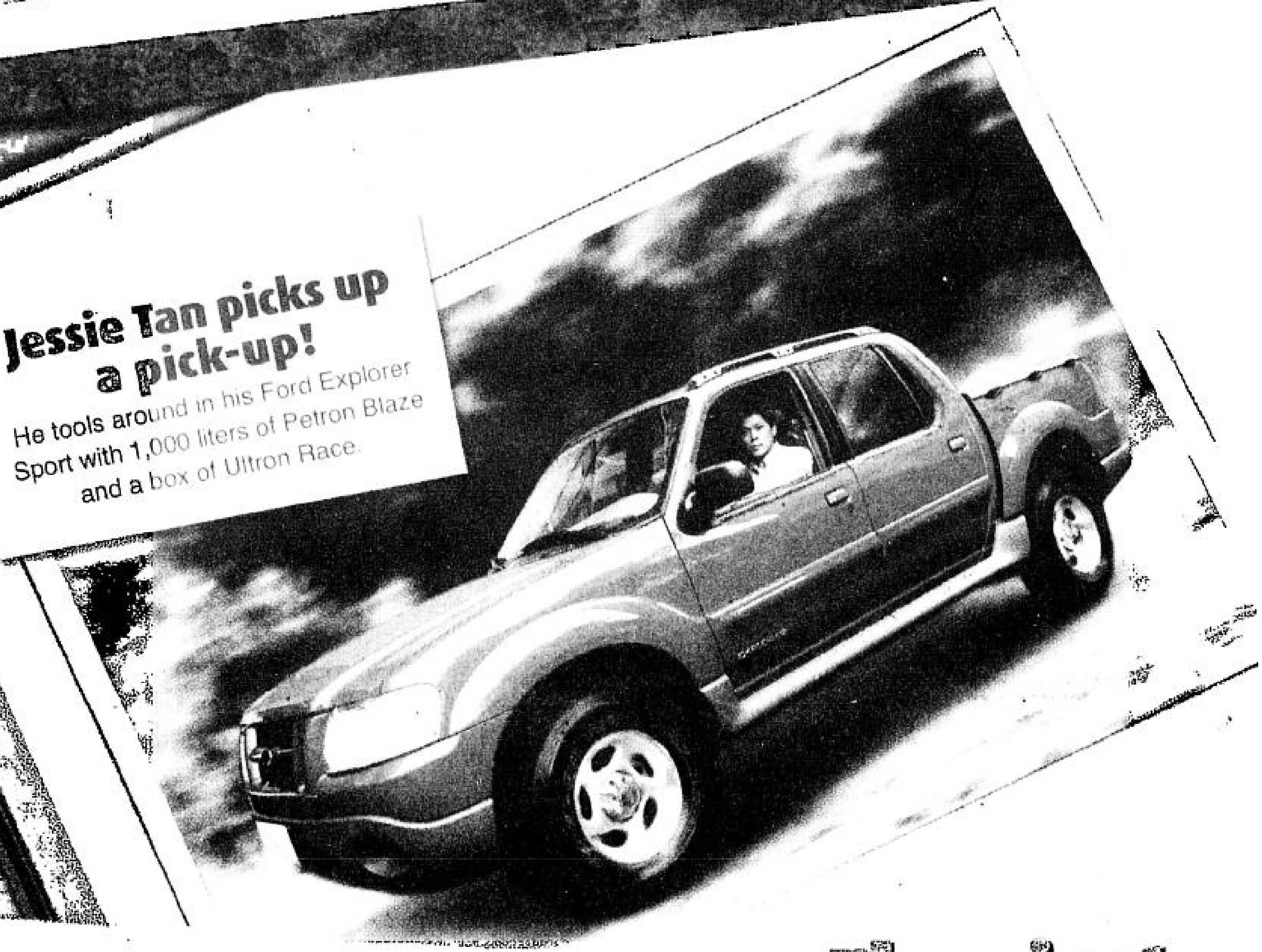

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World watches as Japan, N. Korea leaders meet

JAPANESE Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi (left) shakes hands with North Korean leader Kim Jong-il prior to their talks at the Paekhwa Won guest house in Pyongyang, Sept 17. AFP

PYONGYANG—The leaders of Japan and North Korea held landmark talks on Tuesday as the world watched for signs the reclusive communist state was emerging from its Cold War cocoon and Japan pressed for information on citizens it says were kidnapped by the North.

After a lunch break, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Kim Jong-il began an afternoon session in a one-day summit that could improve long-strained ties between Japan and the country branded part of an "axis of evil" by US President George W. Bush.

An initial round ended around noon, as media reports said Pyongyang would respond to a key Japanese demand by providing information about three missing Japanese citizens, including one of 11 people Tokyo says were kidnapped by North Korean agents.

"Koizumi stated all Japanese issues including the abduction matter and security issues," a Japanese official told reporters after the morning talks, adding that Kim listened carefully and was expected to reply in the afternoon.

Japan has made progress on the abduction issue a condition for resuming talks on normalising ties, stalled by a range of disputes which also include Pyongyang's demand for compensation for Tokyo's harsh 1910-1945 colonial rule.

Clad in his trademark khaki tunic, Kim greeted a stern-faced Koizumi at a state guest house outside Pyongyang.

"I am happy that you've made the visit to put an end to the relations in which our two countries were close, but far apart," Kim said, calling such relations "a relic of the 20th century".

Relatives of the 11 missing people—whom North Korea has denied kidnapping—want to know the fate of all of them and want those still alive to be allowed to come home.

The trip could make or break the career of Koizumi, who needs a diplomatic coup to cement his domestic support, but the implications go far beyond bilateral ties and domestic politics.

Diplomats in Washington and other capitals are watching for clues as to how far Kim will engage the world community in return for economic aid as North Korea embarks on tentative reforms.

Kim is thought to be keen to convince the United States that North Korea does not deserve to be linked with Iraq in an "axis of evil" at a time when Washington is seeking international support for a military attack to oust Saddam Hussein.

Iraq agreed on Monday to readmit United Nations weapons inspectors without conditions, a move that could add to pressure on Pyongyang to let international inspectors take a look at its own nuclear program. *Reuters*

Cheating, clashes taint arms checks in Iraq

By Barry Parker

DUBAI—The history of weapons inspections in Iraq, which are set to resume after Iraq caved in Tuesday to sustained US and UN pressure to disarm, is besmirched with lies, bitter accusations and gunfire.

Neither the Iraqi regime nor the UN inspection teams emerge from eight years of tussles over the disarmament question with much distinction.

The United States was quick to dismiss Iraq's last-minute agreement to allow the return of UN experts "without conditions" as nothing but "a tactic that will fail".

And former chief UN weapons inspector Richard Butler, while welcoming Iraq's decision, warned that Baghdad could not be trusted.

Butler, who headed the United Nations Special Commission on disarmament (Unscom), said Iraq had previously built "a wall of deceit and concealment" to block inspections and may attempt to do the same again.

Unscom, branded a "nest of spies" by President Saddam Hussein before its inspectors fled ahead of a US-British aerial blitz in December 1998, concluded that the regime had repeatedly lied and failed to come anywhere near clean on its huge arsenal.

But Iraq, battling to hold on to its sovereignty, gained some support as evidence emerged of collusion between some inspectors and the United States and Israel.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan was forced to admit in public that Iraq had a case and Unscom was disbanded amid recriminations.

Hans Blix, head of the new arms inspection body—the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)—set up by Resolution 1284 of December 1999, said Sunday that arms monitors could start work within two weeks.

"First we would have to reach some practical agreements with Iraq on how the inspections would be carried out. Then we would send an exploratory mission," Blix told the Frankfurter Allgemeine newspaper.

"In a month, a large enough group could be put together. But the first inspections could happen with two weeks," he said.

However, he said it would take more than three weeks to ascertain whether Iraq still had weapons of mass destruction because "it's such a big country and there are more than 700 sites to inspect."

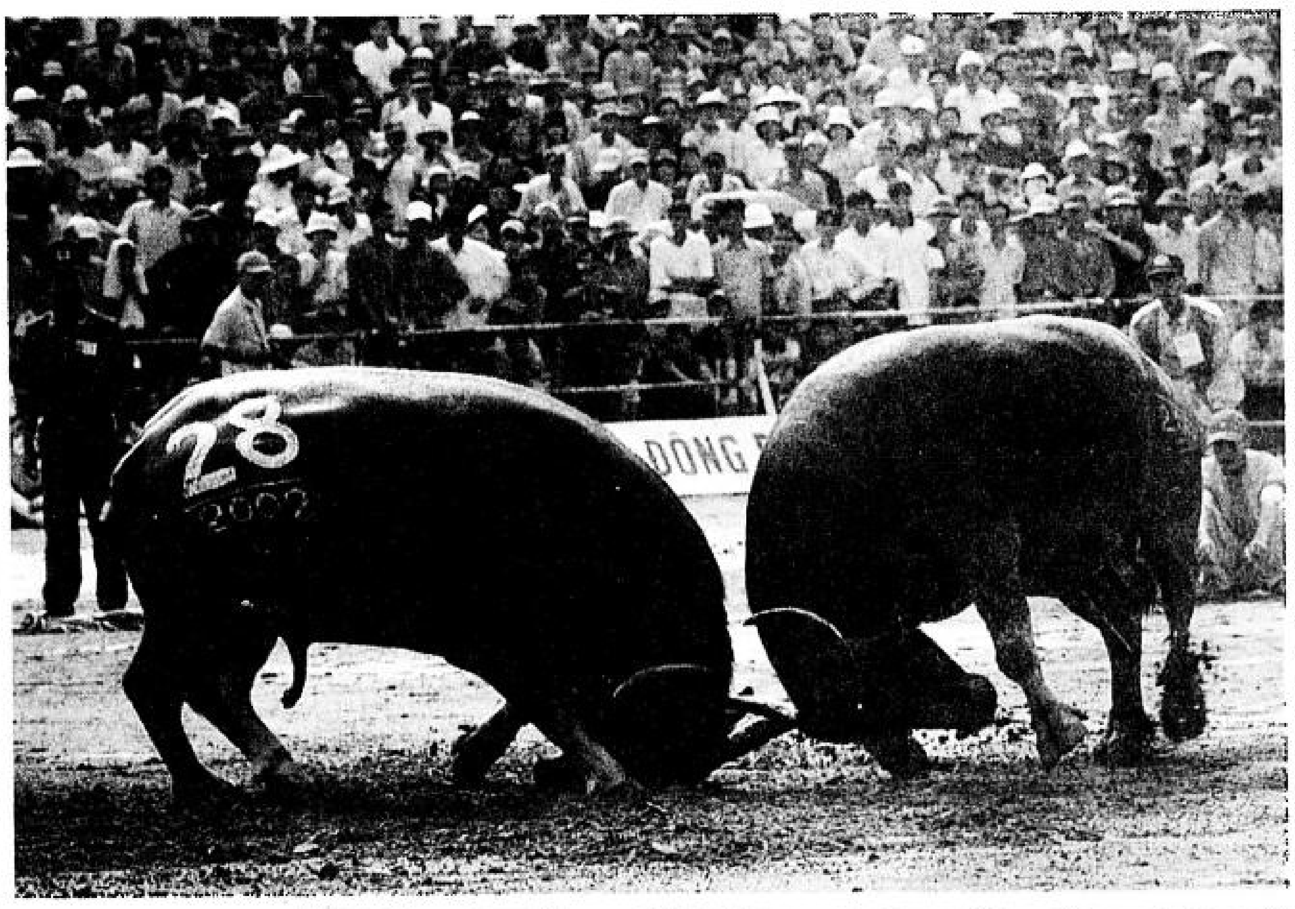
Washington sought to keep up the pressure.

"This is a tactical step by Iraq in hopes of avoiding strong UN Security Council action. As such, it is a tactic that will fail," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

"It is time for the Security Council to act."

US President George W. Bush still wants "a new, effective UN Security Council resolution that will actually deal with the threat Saddam Hussein poses to the Iraqi people, to the region, and to the world," he said.

If precedent is anything to go by, Washington's concern that the readmission of the inspectors themselves will not solve the issue gains some justification. *AFP*



BULL FIGHT WITHOUT THE MATADOR
Two buffalos fight as thousands of spectators watch during an annual traditional buffalo fighting festival held Sept. 15 in the town of Do Son, some 130 km east of Hanoi. Once a year in Vietnam the illusion is shattered when the sweet-tempered beasts of burden, usually more content to wallow in muddy ponds than jostle for dominance, are transformed into raging fighting machines. AFP

Israel forces stage new raid in Gaza

GAZA CITY—Dozens of Israeli tanks, backed by helicopters, pushed into a town in the southern Gaza Strip Tuesday and destroyed the houses of two Palestinian militants, while troops held at least eight Palestinians suspected of attacking Israel.

Israel, which has occupied almost the entire West Bank for the past three months, has launched increasingly frequent raids into the Gaza Strip to hit militants, but has refrained from a full-scale invasion of the southern territory.

Israeli tanks pushed several kilometers (miles) into the town of Khanun, just north of Khan Yunis, and began demolishing houses belonging to Palestinians recently shot dead by the army while attempting to carry out anti-Israeli attacks, they said.

The Israeli army said in a statement later that in an overnight operation near Khan Yunis it had arrested 23 Palestinians "suspected of hostile activities against Israel."

Palestinian security officials said 15 were later released.

The army also destroyed nine makeshift bomb factories north of the town, the army said. The Palestinians said the workshops had been used for making farm implements and kitchen units, with no links to militant groups.

A military source also said a bomb exploded in the path of an Israeli army jeep at Abu Dis in the West Bank near Jerusalem, without causing any casualties.

Near the reoccupied West Bank city of Hebron, several pupils were injured when a blast occurred in their school building in the village of Zif, witnesses said.

Israeli public radio said five pupils were slightly injured when the explosion occurred in the school toilets. The cause was not immediately known.

Israel lifted its curfew on the West Bank cities of Ramallah, Tulkarem and Jenin for several hours on Tuesday, after the army locked down the entire West Bank Monday for the 24-hour Jewish festival of Yom Kippur.

The Jewish state also sealed off the Palestinian territories for the holiday, as it does every year, for fear of attacks while the country shuts down almost completely for the holiest of Jewish festivals, the day of atonement.

Attacks have dropped off dramatically in the past six weeks, although Israeli security forces sweeping the West Bank for militants are still arresting suspects accused of plotting new bombings. *AFP*

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US refuses to renew visas of 150 Malaysians

KUALA LUMPUR—A refusal by the United States to renew student visas for 150 Malaysians is the price the country has to pay for being Islamic, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said Tuesday.

"When we hold to what is true, there is definitely a price to pay. We just accept it," Mahathir told a news conference.

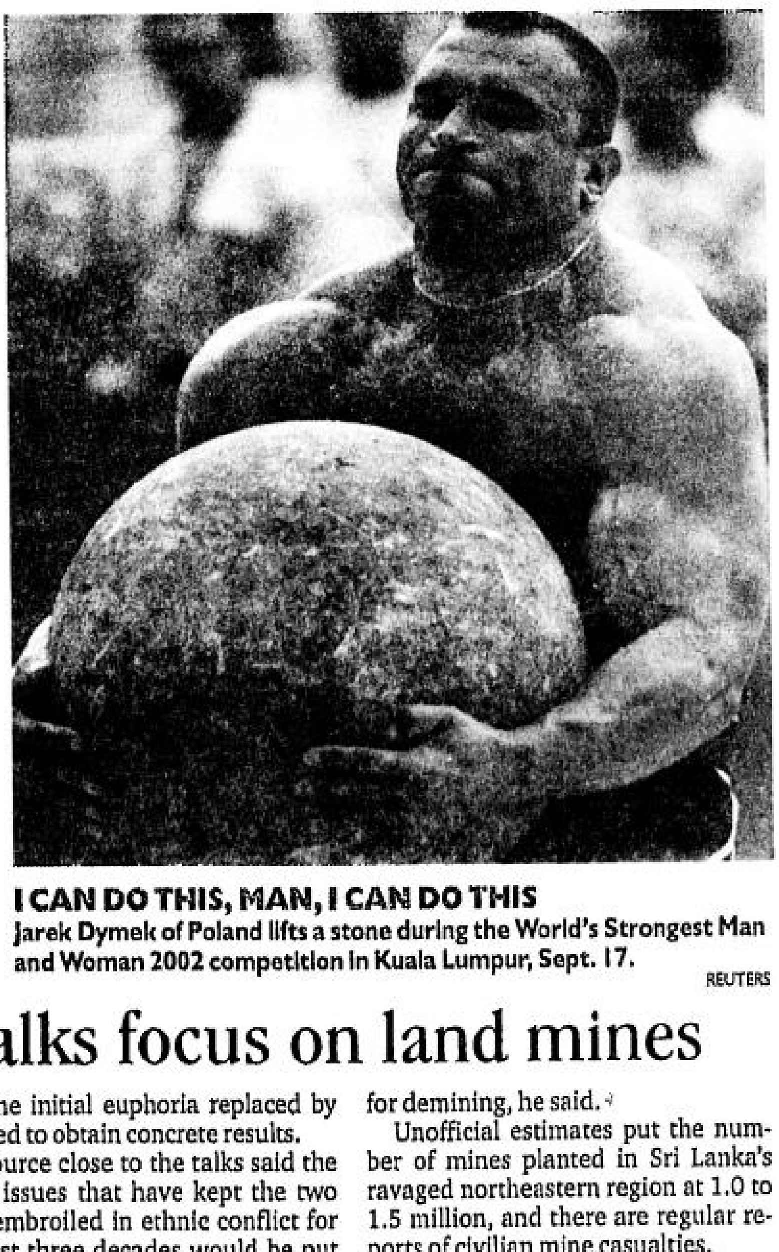
He was responding to reports that the US had barred 150 male Muslim students from continuing their university education there, following stricter visa restrictions.

Mahathir said the government would not oppose the decision or file a complaint with the US.

"It's their country, I suppose they have the right. We also have our own rules for those coming to our country.

"Of course we have to find a way of making (the students) continue with their education. These are not terrorists."

Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is in New York, told the official Bernama news agency that the US government had pledged to speed up the issuance of visas to students who were still awaiting clearance. *AFP*



I CAN DO THIS, MAN, I CAN DO THIS
Jarek Dymek of Poland lifts a stone during the World's Strongest Man and Woman 2002 competition in Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 17. REUTERS

Sri Lanka peace talks focus on land mines

SATTAHIP, Thailand—Sri Lanka's peace talks focused Tuesday on plans for a joint international appeal to clear landmines and rehabilitate the devastated nation, while more contentious issues were put to one side, sources said.

The historic talks between the Sri Lankan government and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were launched Monday amid optimism by both sides.

After a symbolic handshake and smiles for the cameras, the first three hours of tough negotiations began at a tightly secured Thai naval base here, with the initial euphoria replaced by the need to obtain concrete results.

A source close to the talks said the tough issues that have kept the two sides embroiled in ethnic conflict for the past three decades would be put aside for now as the urgent issue of rehabilitation was addressed.

"There is a strong likelihood of a joint appeal for help by the Sri Lankan government and the Tamil Tigers on the question of landmines," the source said.

Such an appeal would likely target the United States, India and the United Nations for expertise and funding for demining, he said.

Unofficial estimates put the number of mines planted in Sri Lanka's ravaged northeastern region at 1.0 to 1.5 million, and there are regular reports of civilian mine casualties.

The northeast has borne the brunt of the fighting during the LTTE's bid to establish an independent homeland called Eelam for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority.

After the two sides entered into a Norwegian-arranged truce in February, the United States expressed its support by sending a team of de-miners. *AFP*

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2 dead, 5 missing in Antique landslide

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ILOILO CITY—Tragedy struck two families in northern Antique past midnight on Sunday after a landslide brought by heavy rains swept two houses, leaving two persons dead, five missing and one injured.

Broderick Train, Antique Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council (PDCC) coordinator, said Flor Zamora, 29, and Lina Patricio, 26, were killed when cascading soil and rocks swept their houses in Sitio Florquita, Barangay Tuno, Tibiao town, Antique, around 80 kilometers north of the capital town of San Jose.

Zamora's body was recovered along the riverbank on Sunday morning, 3 kilometers from the site. Patricio was found in the afternoon near the Dalanes River Delta, 10 km from the landslide.

Their bodies were taken to the Dalisay Funeral Homes in Tibiao. Zamora was five months pregnant, said Train.

Still missing were Patricio's children Diana Jay, 4, and her one-and-a-half year old son, John Marie.

Also missing were Zamora's husband Noli, 35, and children Anna, 5, and Faylyn, 2.

Train, however, said there was little possibility of finding survivors among the reported missing.

Train said Zamora's husband, Danny, survived the accident. Danny suffered bruises in several parts of his body.

Train also said only one member of the Zamora family was spared—a child who was staying in the house of one of their relatives. He, however, had no information on the child's name and the gender.

The Zamora family, who was staying in a shanty, earlier took shelter in Patricio's house after the water from the Mamara River, 20 meters away, reached their house.

Train said the two houses stood at the bottom of a 300-foot high hill, 11 km from the town's poblacion.

"The soil and rocks must have been loosened by the heavy rain that continuously hit the area two days before the incident," Train told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

The landslide covered an area reaching around a hectare wide, he added.

The PDCC received reports of the incident late Sunday from the Municipal Disaster Coordinating Council because barangay captains were in the town proper for the elections of the Association of Barangay Captains.

Rescue teams from the PDCC managed to reach the area on Monday.

Recovery efforts of the Antique PDCC and the police were focused along the riverbanks where the members of the two families were believed to have been swept.

Train said the continuous rain had hampered the recovery efforts. "We need heavy equipment but the area is inaccessible to vehicles," he said.

Residents protest dam site shooting

SAN MANUEL, Pangasinan—Officials and residents of this town picketed Tuesday the site of the San Roque multi-purpose dam project to protest the "indiscriminate firing" of security guards that killed a teenager and wounded a 47-year-old woman.

Mayor Salvador Perez led about 500 residents in calling for the San Roque Power Corp. to identify the guard who fired at a group of women near the project site last Thursday.

Perez identified the victim as Gloria Aquino, 47, a mother of three, who was wounded in the chin and breast when the guard fired at her while she was gathering metal scraps in Barangay San Roque, near the dam site.

Aquino said she and her companions were gathering the metal scraps that were usually left by workers for residents to collect at 3 a.m. last Thursday.

"They usually leave the metal scraps at dawn and a guard informs the residents about it. That morning, many women went to get some scraps but I was the last one to leave. When I was about to leave, a guard arrived in a motorcycle and shot me," Aquino said.

She said the area where the scraps were dumped was not considered a "restricted area."

On July 11, Marvin Alberto, 19, and another boy were passing near the dam site when a guard shot them, killing Alberto instantly.

The guard was identified by the victim's companion and is facing a murder case.

"My constituents are not wild pigs," Perez said. "They should just have arrested the people they think were trespassing, not shoot them like wild animals."

He said the SRPC must dismiss all its security guards and replace them with professionals.

Retired Admiral Virgilio Marcelo, SRPC vice president and director for community and government program, said he would bring the residents to Raytheon officials to air their grievances.
Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Protests, bribery charges mar elections for top barangay council league post

PROTESTS, allegations of bribery and vote-buying marred the elections for president of the Association of Barangay Captains in various parts of Luzon on Monday.

The village council federations' top post will represent the barangay officials in the municipal council.

A failure of election was declared in San Jose del Monte City, Bulacan after most of the 59 village chairmen in the city failed to show up on Monday.

In Isabela, candidates for the top ABC post traded accusations that each offered between P5,000 and P20,000 and a trip to Boracay or Hong Kong to their fellow barangay captains in exchange for their votes.

In Cabatuan, also in Isabela, the top contenders for the ABC federation leadership also reportedly offered their fellow village leaders from P100,000 to P200,000 to fund their projects.

In Bulacan, Rolando Manalili, incumbent ABC chair of San Jose del Monte City, ruled a failure of elections in the city after they failed to get a quorum on Monday.

Manalili said only 24 of the 59 village chairmen reported for the elections.

Pangasinan

In Pangasinan, a suspected jueteng operator in San Fabian town defeated the former town mayor in the race for the chairmanship of the Association of Barangay Council on Monday.

Barangay Anonang Captain Roland Villegas garnered 17 votes against former Mayor Romulo Magliba's 16 votes. One barangay captain abstained.

A group of residents held a prayer-rally last Friday and a vigil on Sunday night, asking Mayor Mojamito Libunao Jr. to withdraw his support for Villegas because of the latter's alleged connection with illegal gambling.

In Pampanga, the withdrawal of suspected jueteng financier Melchor Caluag from the ABC race in the City of San Fernando paved the way for the reelection of Amando Santos of Barangay San Agustin as ABC chair.

Caluag, the chair of Barangay Dolores, survived an assassination attempt on Sunday. He withdrew from the race last week after he was severely criticized for allegedly offering bribe to his fellow village leaders in exchange for their votes.

Palawan

In Puerto Princesa City, the ABC election here turned controversial after two factions elected their own ABC officials at the Hotel Fleuris.

When the new set of barangay captains convened for the election of their president, the factions were easily identified. The group supporting the candidacy of Bancao-bancao Barangay Captain Luis Marcaida III wore vests with the words "Handog ni Gob. Joel Reyes" printed at the back, while supporters of Douglas Hagedorn were in simple plain clothes.

Marcaida is the former Sangguniang Kabataan federation president of the city while Hagedorn is the brother of former city mayor and mayoral candidate, Edward Hagedorn.

Marcaida was among 28 barangay officials who failed to pay their dues to the City Liga Chapter and was disqualified by a motion of Salvacion Barangay Captain Antonio Namuco Jr. that was approved by the registration committee.

But Marcaida showed his official receipt of payment in the provincial and national Liga and for several times, tried to stop the election by appealing to the board of election supervisors headed by DILG city director Halid Dawili.

Dawili, however, said he could not act on his appeal because they "are not part of the election process."

After several failed attempts, Marcaida walked out of the hall together with his supporters and gathered outside.

He claimed that the other group "connived" so they would not be able to cast their votes.

After a few minutes, Marcaida again went back inside and filed a protest with the board of election supervisors.

Dawili refused to comment on the matter but said they still had to study the protest.

The election then continued and after about an hour, Hagedorn was proclaimed winner.

Marcaida's group, on the other hand, went inside another hall of the hotel and conducted its own election where he emerged the winner.

After the election, Marcaida and other winners immediately took their oath of office before city Mayor Victorino Dennis Socrates and afterwards paid a courtesy call to Palawan Gov. Joel Reyes.

Hagedorn, on the other hand, took his oath of office in front of RTC Judge Nelia Yap-Fernandez.

Albay

In Legazpi City, the ABC elections also started and ended with protest.

The election started with a protest after Barangay Captain Aldo Cordia of Barangay 16 was disallowed to vote.

Only 69 barangay captains of the 70 ABC members were able to vote when the board of election canvassers disallowed Cordia from participating in the exercise due to an election protest.

That day ended with another protest after Oro Site Barangay Captain Jose Lee made a marginal triumph over former ABC chair and Bogtong Barangay Captain Rolando Belbes with only a vote difference.

Lee garnered 35 votes as against Rolando Belbes with 34. This result prompted Belbes to be insistent on his petition to recount even when his winning opponent was not yet proclaimed.

The board of election canvassers advised Belbes to submit a written protest within 24 hours. The protest will be forwarded to the national league. The board of election canvassers would render a decision within two days. *Villamor Visaya Jr. and Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, and Carmela Reyes and Bert Basa, PDI Central Luzon Desk; Geraldford Ticke and Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Slain caregiver's nephew from Mindoro gets free surgery

BANSUD, Oriental Mindoro—Rebecca Ruga, one of the two Filipina caregivers killed by a suicide bomber in Israel last Aug. 4 must be happy now.

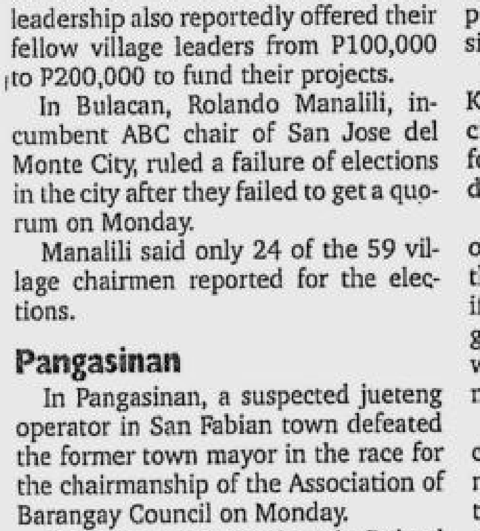
More than six weeks since Ruga died, the nephew she loved as her own son, would be getting free surgery, the first in a series of surgeries that will give him a chance to live as a normal boy.

Anytime from now, four-year-old Leonard Mampusti will undergo a five-hour corrective surgery for his hypospedias, a mislocated urethra, at the Philippine Children's Medical Center in Quezon City.

The boy's mislocated urethra will be corrected by surgery, which will be followed by another surgery in six months. After those, he will undergo three more operations to cure his congenital heart disease.

Leonard's congenital disease and her dream of renovating the family house drove Rebecca to work in Israel last year.

She had been there only for six months when her husband Pepito, a 68-year-old diabetic, died in Manila. But she was not able to come home because she had no money to buy the plane ticket.



FOUR-year-old Leonard Mampusti is slated to undergo several operations for his misplaced urethra and congenital heart disease, thanks to donors.

Six months after, Ruga, 38, was killed when a suicide bomber blew himself up inside the bus she and friend Adelina Cunanan were in. The two Filipina caregivers stood nearest the suicide bomber.

Leonard's mother Febe, Rebecca's elder sister who had also been working as a caregiver in Israel for two and a half years, took Rebecca's body home on Aug. 10.

Rebecca's story, run by the INQUIRER in August, caught the attention of 56-year-old businessman Jolly Ting, Calapan Water District owner.

"I was so touched by her story that I decided to help her family by paying for Leonard's surgeries and the renovation of their house," Ting said.

On Aug. 31, Ting and his wife, Lourdes, long-time friend Dexter Quintana, and consultant Rick Ramos, went to Bansud to visit the Ruga family.

But the house was locked up as the Rugas had relocated to Bago Bantay, Quezon City and was living in a rented room near the Philippine Children's Medical Center.

They decided to stay in Quezon City for the duration of Leonard's surgeries. But until that time, the surgery had not been set yet. Only the medical tests were conducted to determine the boy's health condition.

On Sept. 4, they met with Ting's group in Manila. From there, the group went to the Medical City where former Department of Health Secretary Alfredo Bengson recommended Leonard's immediate treatment to PCMC director Dr. Lilian Lee.

The doctor immediately recommended the conduct of tests on Leonard. The surgery was finally set on Sept. 12 after a two-day postponement to double check whether the boy's heart disease will not be at risk. But the operation had been postponed indefinitely.

"The doctors here said the hypospadias operation is just a simple process," Febe said, "But with a four-year-old child, it's excruciatingly difficult. If I can talk to Rebecca now, I'll tell her to ask God to help Leonard get through the operation."

Rebecca's story gave the Ruga family the attention that also promised help for the boy.

"There were so many press people who came to our house and interviewed us during the wake of my sister," Febe said. "But it was only the INQUIRER that came back with the help."

Ting, said he would hire a Calapan City-based contractor to finish the renovation of the Ruga house, which started when Febe and Rebecca went to work abroad, but stopped with Rebecca's death.

"Until now, when we think of Rebecca, we can't help feeling the loss and we still miss her. But we have come to accept her tragic death. We are now moving on. And good people are helping us," Febe said. *PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

ROUNDUP

2 hurt in blast

COTABATO CITY—Police and military authorities have launched a manhunt on those believed to be behind the recent grenade attacks here and in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao. At least two persons were injured when three explosions occurred inside the house of a government official here and at the office of the WG&A Shipping Lines in Salimbao, Sultan Kudarat since Wednesday evening. Maj. Julieto Ando, spokesperson of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said military intelligence operatives have also been ordered to trace the suspects.
Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Drug pusher slain

DAVAO CITY—The death of another drug pusher here on Thursday became the latest addition to the growing list of unsolved killings involving a vigilante group. Ruel Erojo, 30, of Purok 1 in Barangay 29-C was walking along Ramon Magsaysay Avenue when he was gunned down by a lone suspect at around 10 p.m. Erojo, who had previously been arrested on drug charges, succumbed to at least three bullet wounds on his head. Since January, at least 10 drug-related deaths have been reported but the city police have not solved a single case.
Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Hospital head cleared

ILOILO CITY—The chief of the Pedro Gindap Municipal Hospital in Barbaza, Antique was cleared in the killing of surgeon Carlito Moleno in February. But the husband of Jocelyn-Abiera Polido, Manuel II, and two other suspects—Ricardo Agapito and confessed gunman Hernan Labanon—were charged for the murder of Carlito Moleno. State Prosecutor Eduardo Areno said there was "lack of probable cause" to charge Jocelyn as principal suspect in the killing of Moleno, 42, who was shot dead on Feb. 5 as he was about to leave the compound of the Angel Salazar Memorial District Hospital in the capital town of San Jose. Labanon had earlier claimed that Manuel Polido II hired him in January to kill Moleno for P500,000.
Nestor Burgos Jr., PDI Visayas Bureau

Priests reshuffled

ILOILO CITY—Ninety-one priests in the Archdiocese of Jaro have accepted their new parish assignments without rancor. Parishioners were closely watching the reshuffle, the first for the archdiocese, after a group of senior priests resisted the changes in parish assignments last May. Of the 91 priests, 12 former assistant parish priests were assigned to handle the far-flung parishes. Younger priests were also assigned to northern Iloilo, where missionary work is stressed.
Ma. Diosa Labiste, PDI Visayas Bureau

Set water boundaries

BAYBAY, Leyte—A German funding agency has asked Southern Leyte mayors to delineate their municipal waters so they could avail of patrol boats and global positioning system (GPS) to guard their seas from poachers. Dr. Marc Nolting, program advisor of the GTZ-funded Leyte Island Program (LIP) on Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, said the GTZ-LIP has enough funds to buy these equipment for the local governments in the province but it could not be released unless municipal water boundaries were established. The GPS relies on satellite to determine the location of boats at sea. Patrol boats fitted with GPS will enable the crew to determine whether or not the vessel is within or outside the municipal waters. *Jani Arnaiz, PDI Visayas Bureau*

AIM awardees

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, the superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy and the president of the ABS-CBN Foundation have won the Asian Institute of Management's Honor and Prestige Awards. Bunye, Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan and Gina Lopez were described by the AIM Alumni Association as "the epitome of AIM graduates whose brand of service to the nation in their fields was worthy of emulation." The three will be honored in March next year during the AIM Foundation Day celebration.
Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

MWSS warned

LUCENA CITY—Quezon officials has warned the Metropolitan Manila Waterworks and Sewerage System that they would file a legal action if the water agency continued to ignore payment of royalties for the operation of the Umiray-Angat Transbasin Project in the province. "It's time for us to start slapping MWSS with a judicial suit. They have been ignoring us for so long," board member Hernando Avellaneda urged the provincial council during its session on Monday. The P4.4 billion Umiray-Angat Transbasin project—situated in upper Umiray River in Sitio Sumag, Barangay Umiray, in Gen. Nakar, Quezon—was built in 1993 to supplement the source of water in the Angat Dam through a tunnel. Since its completion in year 2000, the project has been the excuse by Manila water firms to raise water charges *Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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Marag: Shattered dreams have come to life

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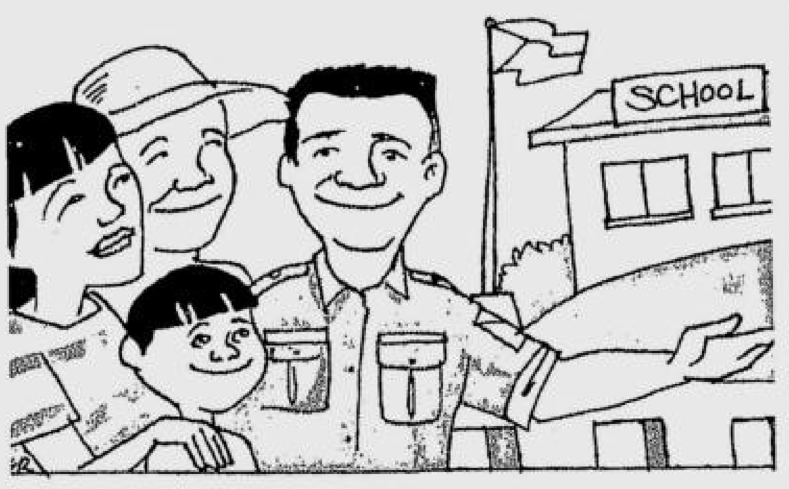

THE COUNTER-THREAT of the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army to President Macapagal-Arroyo's all-out war declaration against insurgents has given jitters to the people of Luna, Apayao.

Fears do not go away in the town, which is commemorating this year the 10th anniversary of peace and rehabilitation in the war-torn Marag Valley, after its liberation from NPA control in 1992.

Mila Baria, 65, a retired municipal midwife, said they had become accustomed to the sounds, sights and smell—but never to fear and anxiety—of battles in and around Marag, 17 kilometers from the Luna town proper, where she lives.

"As frequent as the explosions and gunshots, and military choppers hovering above, we were hearing school children, my own child included, from the campus nearby yelling or screaming or crying. I would say the confusing mix of excitement and anger in our children was shattering their dream of a bright future," Baria said.

"We were yearning for peace within and without us, so we approved of the military occupation of Marag. But what I couldn't bear most was the image of children dying from the bombs and guns," she said, recalling the image of Marag 20 years ago.

But Luna Mayor Betty Verzola said Marag has regained the paradise it lost to war.

"Shattered dreams have come to life. It was paradise lost, paradise regained through effective anti-poverty and peace advocacy programs, especially the provision of basic services," she said.

Government neglect

"People in Marag, like other communities in the Cordillera, had succumbed to insurgency because of government neglect. They returned to the fold of the law because the government was already paying attention to them. This is what I want Marag Valley to (symbolize)," Verzola said.

Marag Valley is composed of the villages of Bucao, Cagandungan and Calabigan in Luna, a former municipality of then Kalinga-Apayao province.

In 1995, the old province was divided into Kalinga (with eight towns) and Apayao (seven towns). Today, Luna is the nerve center of Apayao where almost all government offices are located.

An old album of photographs and news clippings kept at Verzola's office tells about inaugurations and turnover of what she referred to as the "building blocks" of the rehabilitation of Marag.

The rehabilitation was led by an inter-agency task force coordinated by the Army's 5th Infantry Division, then headed by Brig. Gen. Edgardo Batenga, and the municipal government, then headed by Verzola's husband, Mayor Bienvenido Verzola.

The events happened in July and August 1992. These included the inauguration by then Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Lisandro Abadia of the Marag-Luna Road, a school building, a multipurpose center and 40 houses for returning residents.

The structures were built by the Army's 514th Engineering Brigade through funds from various government agencies like the departments of public works and highways, education, social welfare, and interior and local government.

Model program

The Army wanted the post-war developmental projects in Marag to be a model for its counter-insurgency programs, Army officials said.The road linking the valley to the town proper is one of only two "normal" access roads. The other is a three-hour boat ride through river rapids from Pamplona, Cagayan.

The public school in Barangay Bucao (Marag Valley proper) enabled children to resume studies after 10 years of disruption. On orders of then Education Secretary Armand Fabella, enrollment was opened everyday.

"We started with 16 pupils, aged 10 to 17, from grades 1 to 6," recalled Lydia Bumanglag, 43, the first teacher who accepted an assignment in Marag.

Bumanglag said the multi-grade school graduated four pupils in March 1993. They and other youths continued to study elsewhere through scholarship grants from the late Armed Forces chief of staff, Gen. Arturo Enrile, and other military and government officials.

In the next school year, Bumanglag said they had about 100 pupils with three teachers. She said some of the pupils in grade 1 already knew how to read, particularly those who came from the "inside" (literally referring to the cave that used to be an NPA sanctuary).

A tour through the cave, which took eight hours, proved that the insurgents were holding classes for children using relatively modern instructional materials, said Dominador Caluya, schools district supervisor.

"*Adda met ABC mi idiay uneg* (We also had our ABCs inside)," Caluya said. He related the tales of children saved by the military from the rebel camps. "A is for *armas* (arms), B is for *bala* (bullet), C is for *canyon* (cannon)," he added.

The Marag Elementary School in Bucao now has complete grade levels, with a principal and one teacher per class.

The villages of Cagandungan and Calabigan have their own primary schools. Previously, school children from the villages were transported daily to the Marag Elementary School by a boat hired by the municipal government.

"We didn't have budget for the boat service. We got our funds from our gender and development program, so the driver had to be a woman," said Verzola.

From the 40 families who were each provided a house by the government from the Department of Social Welfare and Development's Core Shelter Assistance Program, Marag Valley proper now has 85 families with their own houses, according to Nelson Oamil, 49, Bucao barangay chair.

"Our life is back to normal. We are back to farming. From one cropping season with our originally rain-fed farms, we now have two croppings every year since our farms are now watered by a communal canal we built through the P1-million funding for an irrigation project that we received from the government. The Marag River remains our major source of fish and shells," Oamil said.

Verzola said the municipal government's album also contained pictures of the turnover of command of the Army's 503rd Infantry Brigade from Brig Gen. Roberto Manlongat to then Col. Diomedio Villanueva on July 24, 1992 in Barangay Capagaypayan.

"Where and how are the military commanders who saw action in Marag now? Do they still remember us? We continue to thank them and their soldiers, even those who perished, for bringing peace, for opening the road, for carrying the loads of our teachers, social workers, health workers and others who were delivering basic services to the people of Marag," Verzola said.

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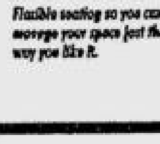

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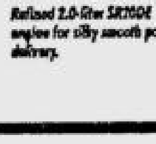

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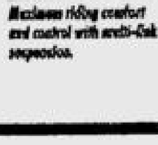

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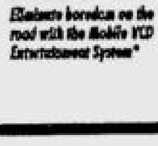

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'Cabos' decry job losses

POLICE are trying to stop jueteng operations in Central Luzon but are alternative sources of livelihood ready to prevent the dislocation of about 20,000 persons employed in the illegal numbers game?

Police officials, while realizing the negative economic implications of the "100-percent jueteng-free" target, said the task of providing employment to those displaced by the anti-illegal gambling drive rests largely on local governments.

About 200 jueteng bet collectors arrested in the City of San Fernando during police operations against illegal gambling and about 800 others whom suspected jueteng financier Melchor Caluag ordered to stop collecting bets are worrying where to get the money for their next meal.

"There's no more source of income. How are we going to cope in the next days?" a jueteng collector, employed for the last five years in the trade, asked.

The jueteng bet collector has accepted gardening jobs in a posh subdivision. The income, however, is half of what he made daily from collecting jueteng bets. The collector said he earned as much as P500 daily from collecting bets in the poblacion (town center) where market vendors comprise the bulk of his customers.

"These policemen keep on arresting us and detaining us all in jail but they don't worry about our families. They should give us jobs," the collector said.

"(San Fernando) Mayor Reynaldo Aquino has made available to them (the 200 who were arrested) loans with no interest. These are available at the city social welfare office. The city government also gives out packs of relief goods to them," said Senior Supt. Sonny Cunanan, city police chief. *Tonette Orejas*

FIGHT VS 'JUETENG'

Winning where others have failed

By Melvin Gascon
Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya

MANANG Tessie, 42, a former jueteng *cabo* (head bet collector) in Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, cursed local officials when jueteng operations in Luzon stopped in February 2001 after President Macapagal-Arroyo declared an all-out war against illegal gambling.

A LAWMAN inspects list of jueteng bets during a raid. FILE PHOTO

Not very long after that, jueteng staged a "fierce" comeback in many provinces. But not in Nueva Vizcaya.

Outraged, Manang Tessie and a group of about 50 *cabos* and *cobradores* (bet collectors) picketed the office of Gov. Rodolfo Agbayani, demanding that they be given alternative jobs after getting "retrenched" by the stoppage of the illegal numbers game. They vowed never to vote for any politician who opposes jueteng.

Rage was even greater when one day, Manang Tessie's 10-year-old son fell from a tree and died. That day, the boy skipped classes and chose to play because he failed to pay his school fees.

"If only I still have my job, we would have paid his (school) contributions," Manang Tessie said.

Hers is only one among the countless stories of people here who, after more than a year of jueteng absence, formed a different outlook on life.

"I realized that jueteng should not be our only source of livelihood," she said, while waiting for customers at a restaurant in Solano where she now works.

Political will

What Nueva Vizcaya has done to wipe out jueteng is nothing special, according to Agbayani. It was sheer resilience by Novo Vizcayanos, coupled with strong political will, he said.

Credit is given not just to one or a group of people, but to all sectors, as the principle of participatory governance has worked well "against the evil elements of illegal gambling," Agbayani said.

First, he said, was the vigilance portrayed by the community, led by the Church, media and non-government organizations, which sent a strong message to gambling lords that jueteng was not welcome in the province.

Then, it was the political leaders' turn to muster the will to resist the pressure "from above," Agbayani said.

"I'm asking you to just spare our province. Anyway, the jueteng collection here is very small," the governor told a top government official, who was pushing for the comeback of jueteng in the province.

Agbayani expressed relief that under the Macapagal administration, pressure had been less. "It was unlike before that jueteng would operate in our province, whether we liked it or not," he said.

Agbayani also cited the "toughness" displayed by Senior Supt. Romeo Hilomen, outgoing provincial police director, who, despite getting mocked by colleagues, maintained his stance against jueteng.

"They would taunt him (Hilomen), 'You may have all the awards, but you're broke,'" Agbayani said, referring to the share of jueteng money police officials normally receive.

The absence of jueteng has even made the province an "unpopular choice" for aspiring police officers, as the Philippine National Police could not come up with at least three candidates for Hilomen's replacement.

Bribe offers

Jueteng operators did not even spare Bishop Ramon Villena of the Diocese of Bayombong and Quirino from incessant bribe offers.

"(Emissaries) used to come to me, accompanied by one of our most active parishioners and talked of a 'regular donation' to the diocese if jueteng was allowed to operate," Villena said.

Officials used to admit that the stoppage of jueteng had been a painful sacrifice because they had been deprived of the monthly payola that they used for their "social obligations."

But this excuse is irrational, according to Agbayani, because the presence of jueteng all the more gives people the reason to go to politicians for doleouts, mindful of the jueteng bribe officials receive regularly.

"Without jueteng, people will not come to you because they know you don't have anything to give them. Instead, everybody tries to work hard," he said.

"Politicians used to say they need the money; police used to say their funds are scarce; the people used to say they need their jobs back or they want instant cash. But look, after almost two years now, we have beaten the odds," he said.

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Iraq allows UN weapons inspectors

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"The issue does not end with Iraq's acceptance of the return of the inspectors," Aziz said at the opening of a "solidarity conference" attended by lawmakers and other delegates from around the world.

"The aim of the American policies is the oil in the Gulf," Aziz added in his brief remarks.

Iraqi officials have speculated in the past that the United States would attack even if UN inspectors resumed their work.

The issue is likely to be on the minds of all 15 Security Council members when they attend a scheduled meeting on Tuesday. For the council, the main goal over the past four years has been getting inspectors back inside Iraq in order to curb Saddam Hussein's chances of procuring weapons of mass destruction.

Even before Annan announced the deal with Iraq on Monday, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin told reporters: "We have one goal, which is the fight against proliferation" of weapons of mass destruction.

But for the United States, disarmament in Iraq is contingent on removing Saddam, who invaded neighboring Kuwait in 1990 and lobbed Scud missiles at Saudi Arabia and Israel months later during the Gulf War. The Bush administration said last week that Iraq had stepped up its quest for nuclear weapons and has embarked on a worldwide hunt for materials used to make atomic bombs.

"This is not a matter of inspections. It is about disarmament of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and the Iraqi regime's compliance with all other Security Council resolutions," White House spokesperson Scott McClellan said in a statement in Washington.

Arab League chief Amr Moussa turned out to be pivotal in the negotiations with Iraq, using the backing of Arab states to push through a deal meant to avert US military action in Iraq.

While the United States and its allies have long agreed that something needed to be done about Iraq, they were bitterly divided over what to do. Now the contrasting goals and approaches will likely make it much harder for the United States to get the resolution it wants.

UN weapons inspectors were put in place after the Gulf War under resolutions which tied Iraq's disarmament to the lifting of punishing UN sanctions.

But the inspectors left Baghdad in December 1998, amid Iraqi allegations that some inspectors were spying for the United States and countercharges that Iraq wasn't cooperating with the teams. Since then, Baghdad had said it would let inspectors back in only for a limited time and if the Security Council lifted the sanctions. It also tried at various times to control the makeup of the inspection teams.

Changing direction

But with pressure mounting four days after Bush told the UN General Assembly that the United States was no longer willing to tolerate Iraqi violations, the oil-rich nation changed direction.

"I am pleased to inform you of the decision of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to allow the return of the United Nations weapons inspectors to Iraq without conditions," said a letter signed by Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri and delivered to Annan late Monday.

US Secretary of State Colin Powell spent the day lobbying support for a Security Council resolution that would mandate the return of inspectors and permit the use of force should Iraq refuse.

Powell said the other Security Council members were moving toward the US position on Iraq. But none was prepared to use force and they made those views clear to Annan who worked tirelessly over the weekend and through Monday on the looming crisis.

According to UN officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, drafts of the Iraqi compliance letter went back-and-forth between Baghdad and Annan's office on the 38th floor of UN headquarters.

Annan forwarded the letter to the Security Council and to the chief weapons inspector, Hans Blix.

It was not clear when the council would discuss the letter, a necessary first step before sending inspectors back. Blix has said he could have inspectors on the ground within days but it would take his teams several weeks before they could begin monitoring Iraqi sites.

In a statement, Blix welcomed the Iraqi offer and said he was ready for immediate talks with the Iraqis "on the practical arrangements for the resumption of inspections."

Not surprising

But a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the letter did not surprise the administration, because of a historical pattern of such eleventh-hour communiques and because Bush administration officials had prior indications that Iraq was preparing it.

The administration seeks three things in a new UN resolution: a list of Iraqi violations of previous resolutions; steps Iraq needs to take to comply; and consequences Iraq will face if it does not comply.

The new Iraqi offer meets none of the administration's demands, and US officials see no reason to budge from its position, this official said. A second senior official described White House's attitude toward the letter as "very, very dismissive."

Though quickly dismissed by Washington as a tactical ploy, Iraq's decision to allow the unconditional return of UN weapons inspectors was cautiously welcomed by many around the world.

Russia and China, members of the UN Security Council with veto power over any resolution, said Baghdad's about-face was a victory for concerted international efforts.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov told reporters at the United Nations in New York that Moscow welcomed the news.

"Russia has been consistently working for the return of international inspectors to Iraq and now our main task is to ensure that the inspectors can get to Iraq as soon as possible and start their work," Ivanov said. He added that there was a tough road anead, since the inspectors would face "very difficult, great and laborious work."

China also welcomed Iraq's acceptance of renewed inspections.

"We hope that Iraq will comprehensively implement the UN resolutions to create the necessary conditions for the orderly and peaceful resolution of the Iraq issue," foreign ministry spokesperson Kong Quan said.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard said it was "a cautious first step" in resolving the standoff between Iraq and the international community without resorting to military action.

But Howard warned that Saddam should not be trusted. *AP*

CNN says MILF reopens . . .

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al-Faruq who spent three years in Camp Abubakar in Maguindanao, Mindanao, to set up the first training camp for al-Qaida in 1995.

Arrested last June in Indonesia, Faruq was deported to Afghanistan where he is being grilled by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Yesterday, four Indonesians were arrested during a terrorist sweep in General Santos City. *(Story on Page A2.)*

On Monday, the Singapore government announced the arrest last month of 21 terrorist suspects belonging to Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), the extremist Islamic group linked to al-Qaida. Last December, Singapore had also arrested 13 JI suspects. *(Story on Page A3.)*

The roundup of terrorists in the region has brought into sharp focus the importance of Southeast Asia to the al-Qaida network, analysts told Agence France Presse.

In Manila, Negros Occidental Rep. Jun Lozada has asked the US Embassy to brief government authorities on the latest intelligence reports gathered by Washington on the al-Qaida presence in Southeast Asia that indicates the region may now have the largest concentration of al-Qaida terrorists.

"The threat to our national security is real," Lozada, who chairs the House committee on foreign affairs, said in a statement. "We should get information not from the media but from the front-runners in the international campaign against global terrorism," he said.

Bin Laden calls Salamat

CNN reported that in February, 1999 western intelligence monitored phone calls between Osama bin Laden and MILF leader Hashim Salamat to ask him to set up more training camps to be used by al-Qaida operatives.'

The reason: After the 1998 East Africa bombings, it became harder for al-Qaida operatives to travel to Afghanistan for training.

By then, intelligence sources say, the MILF, the largest Muslim separatist group in the Philippines, had set up at least one camp for al-Qaida linked fighters, CNN further reported.

But Ghazali Jafaar, MILF vice chair of political affairs, told CNN that "The MILF is not part of any other group. Sometimes we're called terrorists because we use arms in self-defense and sometimes civilians are killed."

Still, Philippine intelligence documents show the links of the MILF and al-Qaida go back to the Afghan war in the late 80s, when the MILF sent about 1,000 fighters to Afghanistan.

Philippine intelligence officials say since the early '90s, the MILF was in frequent contact with Abu Zubaida, a key Bin Laden lieutenant, now in US custody.

It was Abu Zubaida who sent Faruq to help set up the first training camp before being ordered to move to Indonesia as Southeast Asia's "al-Qaida's senior representative," CNN said sourcing the CIA.

Training at Abubakar

According to CNN, a regional intelligence document says that between 1996 and 1998, "over one thousand Indonesian mujahideens were trained at Camp Hudeibiah," the al-Qaida training camp inside the MILF's sprawling Camp Abubakar.

According to intelligence documents obtained by CNN, Bin Laden got another training camp in the Philippines, called Camp Palestine—until July 2000, when then President Joseph Estrada ordered an all-out attack on the MILF and closed down all its camps.

One month later, intelligence documents show, in retaliation, al-Qaida linked fighters in the region bombed the Philippine ambassador's residence in Indonesia's capital, Jakarta, where two people were killed and 21 injured including Philippine Ambassador Leonides Caday.

The capture of the MILF camps didn't stop the training, intelligence officials told CNN, as the training camps moved to Indonesia, set up by Fatur Al-Ghozi and Agus Dwikarna. Both men are now in Philippine jails. Al-Ghozi is serving a 12-year sentence and Dwikarna is in jail for 17 years.

Gov't flip-flops . . .

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this year sent thousands of troops to the Philippines to help in the fight against homegrown terrorism," the Asian Wall Street Journal said in its editorial on Monday. "It also is a slap at US President George W. Bush, who has provided the (Macapagal) administration with more than $100 million in aid and now needs allies to support his efforts to bring Saddam Hussein under control."

Also yesterday, the President said she was temporarily suspending the evacuation of some 100 remaining Filipinos from Iraq. "We are interrupting the evacuation and we will look at the development and make a decision two days from now," she said. The suspension came hours after Baghdad announced it would agree to unfettered UN inspectors. Ten Filipinos based in Baghdad earlier agreed to be evacuated.

Ms Macapagal said her administration's new position was in accordance with the Philippine Constitution. "These policies have been conveyed officially by (Foreign) Secretary Blas Ople to US Secretary of State Colin Powell and shall be the basis of our position, which Secretary Ople will state before the UN General Assembly," she said.

The President also said the country was supporting US President George Bush's call for a UN-sanctioned military action against Iraq.

"The Philippines supports the case brought by the US against Iraq before the UN Security Council," she said. "The UN Security Council should give these charges most urgent and serious consideration."

Mangled interpretation

Ms Macapagal said there was "no change in decision" regarding the country's stand on Iraq. "The reason why I am making this clarification is to state once and for all what has been the Philippine position because the Philippine position has been mangled in interpretation and it has resulted in ambiguous understanding," she said.

Malacañang withdrew its unsolicited offer to allow US warplanes use of Philippine air space a day after Samir A.M. Bolus, Iraq's chargé d'affaires to the Philippines, complained that Malacañang's pro-US position was "encouraging war."

In a policy statement released Saturday, Malacañang said the United States could use Philippine air space for "humanitarian purposes" and only if military action against Iraq was sanctioned by the UN. Malacañang also said that it saw "no clear basis" for military action against Iraq under existing UN Security Council resolutions and that the Philippines' concern was the safety of the 1.2 million Filipinos in the Middle East.

Ms Macapagal said yesterday that the Philippines was reaffirming its "commitment to the global war against terrorism."

"We believe the world will never be secured unless terrorist lairs are exposed and destroyed and terrorist supporters are brought to justice," she said.

The President said the country believed that the UN Security Council "will act in accord with the imperatives of world peace and security and find the most expeditious way, the most effective way to serve these imperatives."

"We support the UN Security Council resolutions on states aiding terrorism and the dismantling of weapons of mass destruction that are an overriding threat to humanity," she said.

Ms Macapagal, however, said that while the country was joining the UN in the "most fervent wish for the dialogue and peace . . . we must say more in defense of our unique national interest."

"We are victims of homegrown and regionally based terrorism. The victims of terrorism cry out for justice. We have vowed to fight against terrorism at home and with our international allies until it is defeated," she said.

Answering questions later, the President strongly hinted that the RP-US Mutual Defense Treaty could be invoked to justify the country's support for a war against Iraq.

"Can I just say also that there is an interpretation of the MDT that international terrorism as a whole is an attack on municipal territory," she said.

Piatco sued by airport labor unions

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Salonga said.

Piatco—the Philippine International Air Terminals Co.—is a consortium involving Fraport AG of Germany which has the franchise to operate the terminal, which it is also constructing.

The union members comprise the Scrap the Piatco Deal Coalition, or Scrap.

Salonga, son of former Senate President Jovito Salonga, and officers of the Philippine Airlines Employees Association (Palea) and the MIA Integrated Airport Services Corp. (Miascor) Workers' Union led the filing of the petition for prohibition yesterday afternoon.

David Diwa Jr. of the National Labor Union, a convenor of the "Scrap" movement, claimed a total of 8,000 workers—6,000 from Miascor and 2,000 from Palea—would be terminated once Naia 3 becomes operational.

The workers are engaged in cargo warehousing, passenger assistance, aircraft maintenance, in-flight catering and related work in Naia 1 and 2, Diwa said.

But Piatco vice president and spokesperson Moises Tolentino Jr. said yesterday that the firm was willing to absorb "all of them, in fact, Piatco can absorb even double or triple the number."

Blue ribbon

In the Senate, a former blue ribbon committee chair urged the incumbent members of the panel to proceed with caution on the controversial Piatco contract, which it is investigating.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said the committee should "consider the impact of its decision on the investment climate of the country."

Pimentel said the committee should determine if "its decision would encourage investors—local or foreign—to put (in) money for huge projects of the kind of Piatco or would it discourage money from being invested here at all."

In his letter to Senate blue ribbon committee chair Joker Arroyo yesterday, Pimentel enumerated other issues that the committee should settle in arriving at its recommendation.

He said the committee should determine whether or not the Piatco contract had a "sovereign guarantee."

"I think it is critical in our search for truth regarding the Piatco controversy because the absence of the guarantee determines whether or not the government (and the people) will have to pay in the event the project flounders," Pimentel said.

He added that "if there is no sovereign guarantee, the committee will have to determine whether it has jurisdiction even to investigate the Piatco controversy."

Pimentel maintained that the committee should also consider that the Naia 3 project is virtually finished.

"If it is true that the project is 90-percent completed, the issue of fair play, the stability of contracts entered into by private parties and the matter of leveling the playing field among investors both local and foreign intrude into the controversy," he said.

Thrice bigger

Tolentino said that since Naia 3 was "three times bigger than the present international airport, it would be hiring three times more workers than . . . are currently available."

"That is why," he said, "we are asking Congress to amend Republic Act No. 6713, likewise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, as it prohibits the immediate hiring of employees separated from government service."

Tolentino also branded Scrap's move as "part of the epic black propaganda" campaign against Piatco.

He believed that the move was orchestrated by Secretary Gloria Tan-Climaco and "her strategic cohorts."

"Despite (employing) the tentacles of her strategic cohorts to spread lies and to discredit Piatco, they are unsuccessful, so they are engaging in forum-shopping," he said. "This is forum-shopping considering that they already filed the same case before the Ombudsman, and before the courts."

But he welcomed "such moves," saying "we always believe that the courts of justice will always uphold the validity of the contract."

Confident

Salonga claimed he was confident that the "Supreme Court will see the merits of the case."

Said Salonga: "The merits are so plain and obvious; the problem is if the (justices) will not listen to us . . . because we're only laborers."

Salonga pointed out that the 64-page petition was very exhaustive covering all the facets of the controversial deal.

Named respondents in the taxpayers' suit filed by Scrap were Piatco, the Manila International Airport Authority (Miaa) and Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) Secretary Leandro Mendoza.

Scrap filed the special civic action to "prohibit and restrain" MIA and DOTC from implementing the agreements.

As incidental relief, it called on the SC to declare as null and void ab initio (invalid) the July 12, 1997 Concession Agreement, Nov. 26, 1999 Amended and Restated Concession Agreement (Arca), Aug. 27, 1999 First Supplement to the Arca, Sept. 4, 2000 Second Supplement to the Arca and June 22, 2001 Third Supplement to Arca. *With a report from AFP*

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Iraq keen on RP reaction —envoy

By Norman Bordadora

IRAQ is keen on how the Philippines will react to its decision to finally allow the United Nations to inspect its military arsenal for alleged weapons of mass destruction.

Samir A.M. Bolus, Iraqi Embassy chargé d'affaires, met yesterday with an official of the Department of Foreign Affairs and briefed him on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's decision to allow UN inspectors in his country.

"I want to hear the effect (of the Iraqi decision) on your side," Bolus said after his meeting with Foreign Assistant Secretary Alejandro Mosquera, head of the DFA office for Middle East and African Affairs. Bolus' meeting with Mosquera came before Malacañang stopped the ongoing evacuation of Filipinos in Iraq.

"We let the UN inspection team enter Iraq unconditionally. Now the US said 'we don't agree with this.' They are not satisfied," Bolus told reporters. "So you can't imagine what they want," he said.

Special envoy to the Middle East Roy Cimatu said that the Philippine side was monitoring the events "on an hourly basis.

"The situation in the Middle East is like a child with fever. The tension would die down one time, then would go up again the next," Cimatu said in a chance interview at the DFA. He said his scheduled meeting with Philippine ambassadors in the Middle East would push through on Saturday.

The Iraqi government has released a statement that chided the Philippine decision to evacuate its citizens from Iraq.

"This is not the right time to evacuate Filipinos in Iraq. At this time, there is no need to evacuate (because) nothing has happened," it said "It's like escalating (and) helping the US for war versus Iraq," Bolus said.

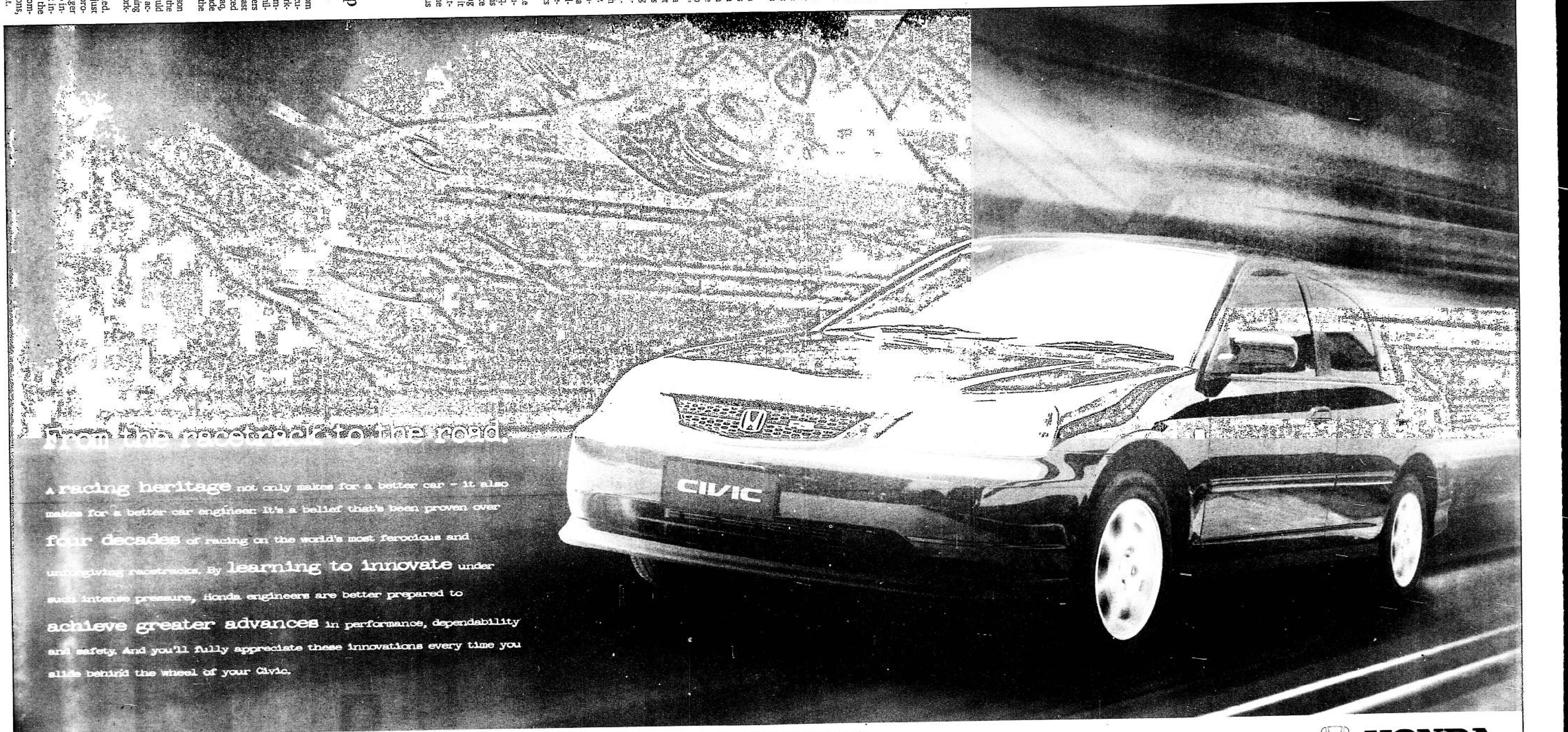
ME crisis alarms big labor group

By Blanche Rivera

THE EXPULSION from Malaysia of undocumented Filipino workers is nothing compared to the 1.4 million Filipino workers in the Middle East who could be affected by attacks against Iraq, according to the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines.

TUCP spokesperson Alex Aguilar said the government should create more jobs to accommodate returning overseas Filipino workers.

"We are alarmed. Evacuation is just one step in this process. The bigger problem is how to integrate them back into the economy," the TUCP, which is composed of 800 unions, said in a statement.



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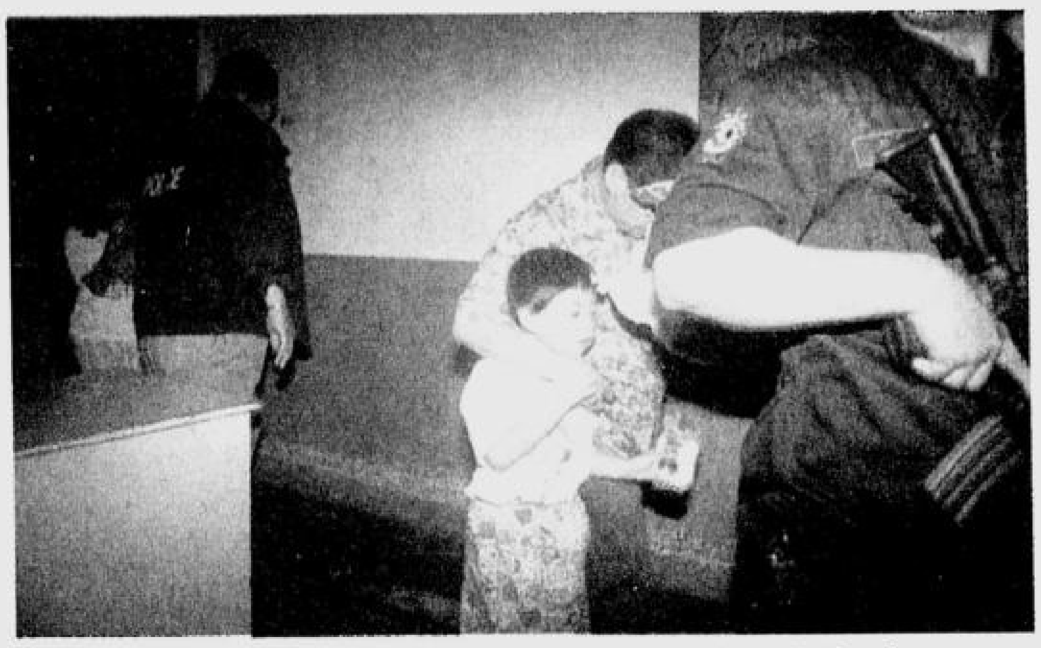
'Wow, we're home'



FATHER and son are inseparable as they walk toward their vehicle to take them home to safety. Daughter Cristina trails behind. RANDY HORMILLOSA

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In another interview, Ledesma said he would ask his children's schools to send tutors to his home over the next three months to allow them to recover from their ordeal before returning to the classroom.

The congressman said the children were crying when he and De Rossi picked them at about 4:30 a.m. at the Makati hospital. He said the children hugged the actress upon seeing her. "She loves my children," he also said.

"But the children are great now," Ledesma said. "The children are very resilient and we will try to make their lives as normal as possible to enable them to get over their kidnapping. Life must go on."

Ledesma said his children had been living with him at his condominium, contrary to earlier reports that they were staying with their maternal grandparents.

"They will continue to stay with me," he said.

Dropped off

"Excuse me, do you know how to get to Alexandra?"

A police recounting of the children's release showed that they were dropped off in a dark portion of Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue and had to walk to the Makati Medical Center to call home.

After the kidnappers let them out by a Burger Machine outlet near the MMC at about 3 a. m. yesterday, the children asked a man—later identified as "Ruben"—if he knew the way home.

"But that (Alexandra) is in Pasig," Ruben was said to have replied. When the children asked where they could make a phone call, Ruben directed the two to the hospital.

Ruben later told police he had no idea the two kids were the same children abducted on their way to school on Sept. 13.

But a security guard at the hospital recognized the two, and called the Makati City police. PO3 Rio Bucalan received the call—recorded at about 4:35 a.m.—and immediately called Makati City police chief Supt. Jovito Gutierrez.

Gutierrez then dispatched a team to the hospital to confirm the identity of the children and the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit to secure the hospital, thinking that the kidnappers might still be around.

Gutierrez said it was hospital staff who called Ledesma to inform him about his children.

After about an hour, Ledesma and De Rossi arrived at the hospital, on board a black Range Rover.

The two children, who looked in good health, were wearing white T-shirts and printed shorts when their father took them home.

Witnesses later told police the children were brought to the site in a maroon-colored vehicle. But nobody could describe the occupants of the vehicle or its make and model.

No ransom?

In all his interviews yesterday, Ledesma refused to say whether he had paid any ransom, saying "that is operational information."

Instead, he repeated President Macapagal-Arroyo's line about the use of a "tried and tested formula" to secure the release of his children.

He did not elaborate on the formula, but added: "Every part of this formula was used in this case."

He said that as a legislator, he would find ways to "improve" on the formula. "The formula works and there is a way to improve it."

"That is part of the system. Even media is a component of this holistic system. To divulge anything at this point would defeat and deteriorate the formula," he said.

When asked if he simply did not want to confirm any ransom payment, he replied: "For me to reveal operational information will jeopardize the system."

But Negros Occidental Rep. Apolinario Lozada Jr., a family friend, said only Ledesma knows the answer to the many questions raised by the kidnapping and subsequent release.

"Congressman Ledesma is a government official and the public who supported and comforted him also have the right to know about this formula or strategy so that those who will be in similar situations will get the same help," Lozada said.

Lozada said the Ledesma kidnapping was a "no tears" incident. "The children were unharmed, they were delivered in a safe place and they were even playful (when released)."

"So it must be a very effective strategy that he should share with the public," Lozada said.

Children okay

"The children are OK," Gutierrez told reporters. "They were having difficulty talking to police, but a psychologist from Makati Med talked to the children and were able to calm them down."

He added that doctors from the hospital also examined the children to check whether they were physically harmed, but the two were in apparent good health.

Asked about the disposition of the children while they were waiting for their father, Gutierrez said they did not cry or show any sign of distress.

"They seem to be intelligent children. They were fine at the hospital, and were playing while waiting for their father. Carlo was even playing with one of the computers there," he said.

In order to prevent similar incidents from taking place, Gutierrez said he had asked his men to keep a close watch on schools and malls in Makati where kidnappings are likely to take place.

"I've asked my men to be on alert especially during the time when school lets out," he said.

But he added that Makati police would also not be neglecting the security of the 480 banks located in the area.

Ledesma said the kidnappers were "very professional" and appeared to belong to a kidnapping syndicate.

Sources in Negros Occidental earlier told the INQUIRER that the kidnappers had demanded P50-P60 million in ransom.

Ledesma said he was thankful and relieved his children were not harmed.

The last four days, he said, had been difficult because he had hardly any rest, "because we never knew when the kidnappers would call again."

He said he was the one who led the negotiations but there was one time when De Rossi answered the phone and talked to the abductors.'

"I'm very tired. These past four days have been very difficult," he said. "It was like being in the Twilight Zone."

Grateful father

Ledesma thanked the Philippine National Police, Makati City Mayor Jejomar Binay, and the President for the safe release of his children.

He also thanked the kidnappers. "I thank you for not harming my children," he said on radio.

He also thanked media for its self-imposed news blackout on the kidnapping. "The news blackout was a big thing."

The lawmaker then announced plans to set up an anti-kidnapping center to be funded through private donations.

"This is not political," Ledesma said of the abduction, saying he believed the perpetrators are from a criminal syndicate.

"I had not realized how big organized crime is," Ledesma said. "They are professionals." *With reports from Juliet Javellana, AP, AFP*

Jules and Assunta: 'We blamed ourselves in the first few days'

By Juliet Javellana

HIS young children paid the price for his "high-profile" affair with sexy actress Assunta de Rossi.

The difficult admission came from Negros Occidental Rep. Julio Ledesma IV, a few hours after his children were released.

"In the case of Assunta and myself, the first few days (we) were blaming ourselves because of the 150 or so cases that were low-profile, but our case was highlighted because we (went) high-profile," Ledesma told GMA 7's Mike Enriquez on the "Saksi sa Double B" radio program. Ledesma was apparently referring to the number of kidnapping cases in a given year.

"Walang kasalanan 'yung mga bata, dahil sa ating dalawa sila ang napahamak (The children are blameless. It was because of us that they got in harm's way)," he said.

Ledesma, chair of the House committee on ways and means, was in the limelight in recent weeks following his engagement to De Rossi.

But eventually the engaged couple stopped blaming themselves because, Ledesma said, "we did not commit the crime. They (kidnappers) committed the crime."

In the radio interview, Ledesma sounded jolly, and said the two children were fine and unharmed.

"Nanggugulo (They're frisky). They're with my fiancée, their stepmom-to-be," he said. Ledesma and De Rossi are set to wed in January 2004.

He laughed when Enriquez asked him about reports of a P60-million ransom.

"There is bank secrecy but even if they look into my bank account, they will be laughing," he said.

"But what I can say is that I got in trouble in the first place because everything has been exaggerated out of proportion. It's OK. It's part of the game," he said.

GMA hails release, thanks media

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against kidnap-for-ransom gangs.

In Davao City, tough-talking Mayor Rodrigo Duterte admitted the kidnapping of Ledesma's children has had a terrible impact on the country's peace and order situation.

Duterte, the President's consultant on public order and safety, said the entire country's peace and order situation remains volatile.

"Congressman na nga yan, paano na lang ang mga civilians (If that can happen to a congressman, what more to civilians)?" he asked.

Ransom payment?

Biazon, a former Armed Forces chief of staff, said it was not important whether Ledesma paid ransom to the kidnappers or whether the PNP or other law enforcement agencies played an active role in the release. What was important is that the children are safe.

"Maybe the tried and tested formula which had been referred to is an effective system in effecting the release of kidnap victims," he said.

"I hope that this tried and tested formula will not encourage further kidnappings, which considering the factor of ransom, is a major issue because we still have to deal with the existing no-ransom policy which is at the heart of the fight against kidnapping," he added.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel said it was understandable if Ledesma paid ransom in exchange for the release of his children.

"I cannot blame Ledesma if he paid ransom because the congressman is also a father," Pimentel told Senate reporters. "Paternal loyalty is heavier than his being a congressman."

Honasan said that the "tried and tested formula" the police was talking about should not be made public and must be shared privately with law enforcers.

"We should be thankful to God but not to any other agency," he stressed.

All high-profile

Sen. Robert Barbers reminded the PNP that there was no such thing as a "low-profile" kidnapping incident.

Barbers, chair of the Senate committee on public order and illegal drugs, said the PNP should give importance to all cases of kidnapping, regardless of the identity of the victims.

"While I believe that the PNP is exerting all efforts to combat kidnap-for-ransom cases, I hope that all police operatives will give the same importance in dealing with each and every case," Barbers said.

"Social status should not be a matter of consideration in pursuing our all-out anti-crime campaign," he added.

In Malacañang, Bunye said the kidnapping of Ledesma's children "only strengthened the President's resolve to fight criminality in all its forms."

"There is no doubt that we need cooperation between the people and the authorities in order to strengthen the campaign against this kind of activity," Bunye said.

Bunye added that he was not aware of plans, if any, for Ms. Macapagal to see the Ledesma children.

"They will be allowed to rest," he said. "We know they have been subjected to this extraordinary experience."

News blackout

Duterte said a news blackout on live kidnapping cases was a sound idea.

"That is good. That should be the ideal attitude for media and everybody, to shut up and wait for the time the victims are returned to their families," he said.

In Camp Crame, the Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (Pacer) unit, the lead agency in charge of cracking kidnapping cases, remained mum on the circumstances leading to the release of the children.

"The operational matters can't be disclosed," Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, PNP spokesperson, told reporters.

Journalists in Camp Crame did not receive a police post-operation report.

According to Teresita Ang-See of the Citizens' Action Against Crime, however, it was Ledesma who requested the national police that he be allowed to issue a statement on the release of his children.

"Ledesma requested that he talk about it himself. He just needs time to recover. In time he would talk about it," Ang-see said in a phone interview. *With reports from TJ Burgonio and Ayan C. Mellejor; PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Sagario chessfest leader

LAWYER Quirino Sagario surged to the top of the grand prix standings in the elite Success section after three legs recently of the 2002 Philippine Executive Active Chess Express or PEACE 2002.

Sagario enjoys a three-point lead over erstwhile leader Ryan Ruiz going into the fourth leg on Sept. 28 at Land Bank Plaza in Malate, Manila. Sagario has 41 points to Ruiz's 38.

Organized by the Active Chess Center of Asia (Acca) in cooperation with Belgosa Media Systems and Land Bank, Peace 2002 is sanctioned by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines (NCFP). Business executives and professionals who wish to join PEACE 2002 may contact the Acca at tel. 892-8759.

Defending champion Dennis San Juan and three-time grandprix topnotcher Jenny Mayor are tied at third-fourth places with 36 points each. Manny Yu is alone in fifth spot with 34 points.

The rest of the top 10: 6th Edward Ang, 32 points; 7th Gary Legaspi, 30; 8th-9th Ricky Navalta and Noel Garcia, 29; 10th Tyrone Guya and Gionvanni Dy, 26. The top 10 in the Prosperity section: 1st Cyrus Atienza, 35 points; 2nd Ronald Donasco, 33; 3rd Gunnar Abelido, 30; 4th Rolando Gangozo, 28; 5th Reenan Hornilla, 27; 6th-7th Augustus Ata and Amando Labarda, 26; 8th-10th Lorenzo Tabilog, Rey Hechanova and Abraham Dalagan, 23.

Torre puts up institute

TO PURSUE its goal of promoting chess in schools, the Active Chess Center of Asia has linked up with Grandmaster Eugene Torre to form the Grandmaster Eugenio Torre Chess Institute (GETCI).

Under the GETCI program, chess clubs will be set up in schools; clinics, workshops and tournaments will be staged in elementary and high schools all over the country.

The first of a series of chess-in-schools workshops to be conducted by Grandmaster Eugene Torre will be held on Sept. 21 at the First Asia Institute of Technology and Humanities (FAITH) in Tanauan City, Batangas. The event will also mark the formal launching of the GETCI.

The one-day activity will consist of a chess lecture and a seminar on how to organize tournaments and chess clubs in schools and the benefits of teaching chess.

Torre will be assisted by chess scholar Elmer Sangalang and national master Roberto Suelo.

Evercrest hosts unique golfest

A UNIQUE kind of golf tournament will be held at Evercrest in Batangas on Oct. 24-25.

It will be aimed at attracting golf-playing top executives from both the private and the government sectors.

The learning sessions in-between playing golf are designed to recreate actual golf experiences, according to Noel Resurreccion, managing director of The Mentor Group which is organizing the live-in, two-day event.

For inquiries, call Lani Celerio at 3729377 or 3737762, or e-mail at mtrgroup@hiwire.ph or info@mtrthementorgroup.com.

Tower Club holds golf tilt Sept. 20

THE TOWER Club Fellowship Cup will be held on Friday at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club's west course.

Almost 100 of the country's industry leaders and prime movers of the economy are members of the Tower Club, an exclusive, by invitation-only business and social club.

The tournament is presented by Volvo in cooperation with San Miguel Corp. Hole sponsors will be RCBC and PET Plans. For details, club members may call 8857085.

ASIAN GAMES KITTY

PSC receives ₱50-M more from Gloria

By Marc Anthony Reyes

PRESIDENT Arroyo injected more life into the Philippines' campaign in the 14th Asian Games in Busan yesterday by releasing P50 million more to the Philippine Sports Commission.

The President, underscoring her commitment to sports development, said the funds will come from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation.

PSC chair Eric Buhain said the money, culled from the President's social fund, will be used to fund the country's stint in the Asiad as well as bankroll the national sports associations' year-round programs.

The RP campaign in Busan was estimated to cost about P30 million, covering only the plane fare and the hotel expenses of the 218 athletes and 109 officials.

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But the PSC has been spending approximately P200 million, funding international exposures and training and purchasing equipment of some 800 members of the national training pool.

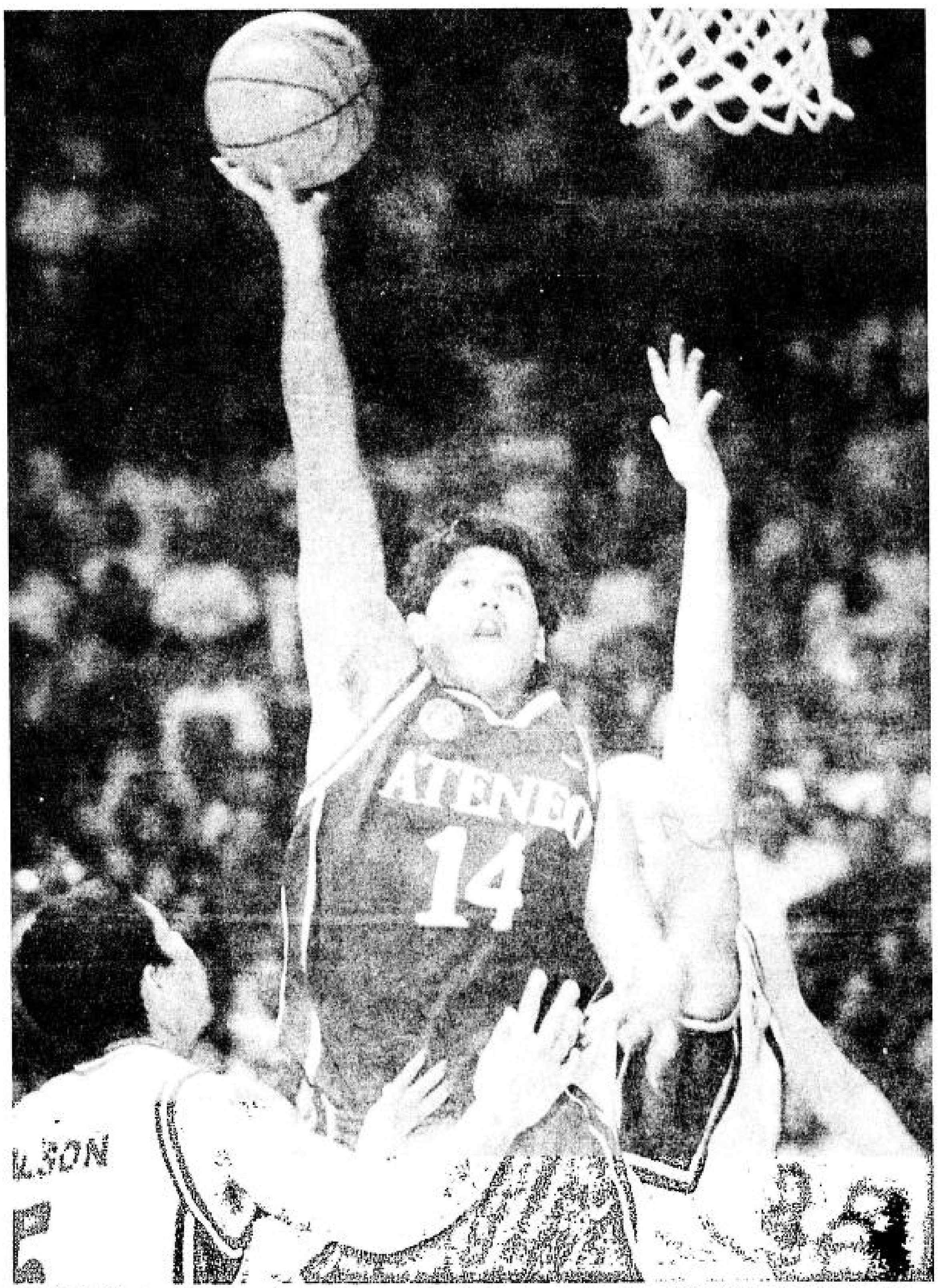
"On behalf of the PSC, I am very grateful to the President," Buhain said. "This goes to show that sports runs as among the priorities of the President and her administration."

Buhain added that the additional fund is even over and above what the agency receives monthly from the Pagcor, which regularly allots money to the agency through the National Sports Development Fund.

The PSC chief, along with commissioners Cynthia Carrion, William Ramirez, Leon Montemayor and Mike Barredo, will take turns flying to Busan during the Sept. 28-Oct. 14 Asiad.

On Monday, First Gentleman Mike Arroyo said he will join the Philippine delegation to Busan to dramatize the government's support to the country's top athletes.

Aside from the Asian Games, the PSC has lined up sports development programs later in the year, which include the Mindanao Friendship Games on Oct. 27 in Cagayan de Oro and the fourth Batang Pinoy in December.


ATENEO'S Enrico Villanueva towers for a one-handed shot against La Salle's Carlo Sharma (right) and Willy Wilson (left) during their UAAP game last Saturday at the Araneta Coliseum. Ateneo won, 76-63.

ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Barrios: We're ready to support cagers association

Players should start organizing themselves before end of the season

By June Navarro

ACTING PBA Commissioner Sonny Barrios yesterday encouraged players to bind themselves and infuse life on the dying PBA Players Association for the welfare of retired cagers.

Barrios said the league would be more than willing to guide the players on how to revive their association to prevent cases wherein players were left penniless years after they retired from the PBA.

"We've been very supportive of the players association. The players should take the initiative of reviving the association and we will help them sustain it through projects beneficial to all, whether active or retired players," said Barrios, who also acts as the league's executive director.

Barrios was reacting to PBA chair Francisco "Butch" Alejo's concern about the plight of retired PBA players who failed to save "for the rainy days."

"I guess the players should start organizing themselves before the season ends. Identify the personalities who will take charge of the association and create committees which will handle certain projects," said Barrios.

Once revived, Barrios said the players' association would help a lot in augmenting the players' trust fund and introducing benefits that would ease the burden of retired cagers long after they put their sneakers in the closet.

As far as Barrios could remember, the players association went into limbo after the 1997 season, the year the PBA offered an office space for the group inside the Cuneta Astrodome.

Former San Miguel Beer playmaker Franz Pumaren was the president of the association back then with now-Sen. Robert Jaworski as chair and Tonichi Yturri as executive director. Yturri was then tasked to manage the day-to-day affairs of the group.

Today, four-time MVP Alvin Patrimonio of Purefoods and Alaska's Jojo Lastimosa stand as the association's leaders.

"With an active players association, it would be easier to find ways on how to increase the trust fund," Barrios said.

The players' trust fund sustains the PBA's educational program for the children of the players, active or retired, aside from defraying the premium of Lifeline, a 24-hour medical assistance to players on and off the court within Metro Manila.

Barrios said the educational program hinges on the player's length of active duty in the PBA, meaning a season counts as one school year for a single child.

Former commissioner Leo Prieto institutionalized the educational program of the league while Rudy Salud, who as commissioner brought the league to greater heights, was responsible for channeling 50 percent of the net proceeds of the All-Star Games to the trust fund.

Besides the proceeds of the All-Star Games, the players' trust fund also earns from player fines and bank interests.

2 Eagles, 1 Archer reprimanded

By Dennis U. Eroa

IN A STRANGE twist that added more drama to the already perflexing happenings in the UAAP, leading MVP contender Enrico Villanueva and playmaker Cris Quimpo of Ateneo and La Salle slotman Carlo Sharma were reprimanded yesterday by the UAAP technical committee.

The action came following the players' alleged unsportsmanlike conduct during the Ateneo-La Salle match last Saturday at the Big Dome. Ateneo won that game, 76-63.

Details were still sketchy.

The UAAP technical committee headed by Kiko Diaz of the University of the Philippines is expected to issue a written reprimand addressed to the three players.

Just like in the past, the decision was also clouded in secrecy. The league has no clear-cut rules in handing out reprimands to "erring" players.

According to the INQUIRER source, Villanueva and Quimpo were reprimanded for their hard fouls against La Salle's Mike Cortez.

Sharma was reprimanded after his tussle with Wesley Gonzales.

The technical committee, acting on the recommendation of UAAP commissioner Joe Lipa, has reprimanded UE's Arnold Booker and Ronald Tubid. It also suspended for one game two-time MVP Richard Alvarez, a decision which came under heavy criticisms from jaded UAAP observers.

But unlike in the case of Alvarez, Villanueva, Quimpo and Sharma are cleared to play in tomorrow's Final Four at the Araneta Coliseum.

"Five-peat" seeking La Salle tests University of Santo Tomas at 2 p.m., while Ateneo meets University of the East at 4 p.m. The Archers and the Warriors enjoy twice-to-beat advantage.

Ruel lifts PUP past La Salle

FORMER Davis Cupper Rolando Ruel lifted Polytechnic University of the Philippines past De La Salle University, 2-0, to capture the collegiate men's team title of the 2002 Milo All Students Tennis Championship over the weekend.

Ruel whipped DLSU's Nico Faller, 6-2, 6-1, and then paired with Mario Sabas to post a 6-1, 6-3 win over the Faller-Yanick Guba tandem for an insurmountable 2-0 score en route to the victory.

Ruel was adjudged the Most Valuable Player, and PUP's Rene dela Torre was named Best Coach in the Milo student netfest.

It was organized by CTW and supported by adidas and Sports Kids.

In the collegiate women's team event, the Taddy Cruz-coached DLSU Lady Green Archers led by MVP Sommer Bisagas, Berry Sepulveda and Tracy Alin blanked Assumption, 3-0, to win the title.

FEATURES

Lancome Cup: Dream come true for Yuri

QIT Abola, the administration and finance director of L'Oreal Philippines, about to make a putt during the well-attended, much-applauded Lancome Cup at Sta. Elena.

THE GOLFER'S dream to hit it big became a reality recently for Yuri Allado. For, even duffers have a right to dream big.

Firing a net 68, Allado has emerged champion in the Lancome Cup Challenge II at Sta. Elena. He beat Jay Tuason by five points.

The 33-year-old Allado thus won a trip to Europe and a chance to play in the European Pro-Am Tour.

Brilliant putting and a strategy of "just bogey each hole" keyed Allado's victory, giving him the chance to fly to Europe for the first time ever.

The tournament, a strong follow-up to the smashingly successful inaugurals last year, was supported by Ambassador Bienvenido Tantoco, Rico Tantoco of Sta. Elena and Rustan's Commercial Corporation.

The European Pro-am has a format that consists of a team event where three amateurs and one professional are paired in a flight. They play four balls, with the best ball to count.

Yuri will have the rare chance to play against King Leopold of Belgium, Sean Connery of James "007" Bond fame and racecar driver Alain Proust, among others.

The tournament, to be bankrolled by Lancome Paris, will be actually the 33rd running of the Trophee Lancome. It is set on Oct. 9 at the exclusive Golf De Saint-Nom-La-Breteche, in France.

Yuri, who will travel in style as Air France will board him business class, will have the challenging task of bettering the feat achieved by last year's champion Alice Jose. Alice's team tied for first last year, but her team lost the championship by count back.

Started in 1970 by Pierre Menet, an ardent golfer and admirer of Arnold Palmer, the Trophee reached a plateau in its 18th anniversary when it became part of the European and World classification of tournaments.

With an expected 90,000 spectators attending the tournament, the tournament has become one of the world's most anticipated tournaments, what with a prize money totalling 2,200,000 Euros and 240 hours of TV coverage.

Among the superstars in the cast are Sergio Garcia of Spain and Retief Goosen of South Africa. Garcia won last year's event.

Although it was only Allado who brought home the day's most coveted prize at Sta. Elena, many of the participants ran away with attractive raffle prizes like the latest drivers from Pacsports.

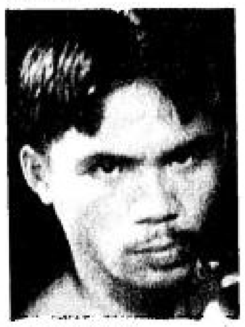
Others were treated to facials and aromatherapy massages, courtesy of Rustan's.

Even as Yuri can't wait to fly to France, participants to next year's 3rd Lancome Cup are now eager to register once more for that rare chance to hit it big on the international golf scene.

Pacquiao to wear Bagobo warrior's attire in ₱18-M 'Duel in Davao'

By Dennis U. Eroa

PIÑOL



PACQUIAO

MANNY Pacquiao's killer punches, Mindanao's alluring beauty and boundless promise.

These will come into focus as the P18-M "Duel in Davao" featuring Pacquiao and Thai challenger Fahprakorb Rakkiatgym unfurls on Oct. 26 at the Agro Foundation Gym in Davao City.

Pacquiao, a native of Gen. Santos City, will make his third defense of the International Boxing Federation super bantamweight crown which he won over South Africa's Lelo Ledwaba last year.

"This is a fight like no other," said North Cotabato Gov. Manuel Piñol during yesterday's PSA Forum at the the Holiday Inn.

Pacquiao will receive P8M, while Fahprakorb is assured of P1M.

"Davao City is the brightest star in Mindanao. We're going to ride on it as we promote the island, which is sometimes wrongly portrayed as strife-torn," Piñol, a former sportswriter, said.

The fight will be beamed to various countries including Mexico, US, New Zealand, Korea, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Brunei, according to Piñol.

President Arroyo is the honorary chair, with Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon as chair. Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte is vice chair.

The Filipino champion will wear Bagobo warrior's garb instead of the usual robe, while fans used to seeing round girls in skimpy attire will instead see them wearing Tiboli's dresses.

To complete the Mindanao look, the Muslim agong will be sounded instead of the bell.

"We hope that the fight will promote Mindanao as the Philippines' fastest-growing tourism and convention area," said Piñol.

Mexican Goyo Vargas fights Dindo Castanares for the interim IBF lightweight crown in a supporting bout.

Piñol also bared a plan to hold the Laila Ali-Jackie Frazier bout in another Mindanao city.

Rubillar stakes crown tonight

WORLD Boxing Council international minimumweight champion Ernesto "Hard Rock" Rubillar puts his title on the line against Thai Phalangchai Sor Vorapin today at the Casino Filipino Amphitheater in Parañaque.

A native of Mati, Davao, the 29-year-old Rubillar will defend his title for the second time against the 21-year-old Thai starting at 6 p.m.

Roy Doliguez and Jovan Presbitero will slug it out for the vacant World Boxing Organization Asia Pacific lightflyweight championship in one of the preliminary bouts.

The card, dubbed as the "Matira Matibay II," is presented by the Elorde International Productions led by boxing promoter Gabriel "Bebot" Elorde Jr.

Air Force booters clobber Samsung

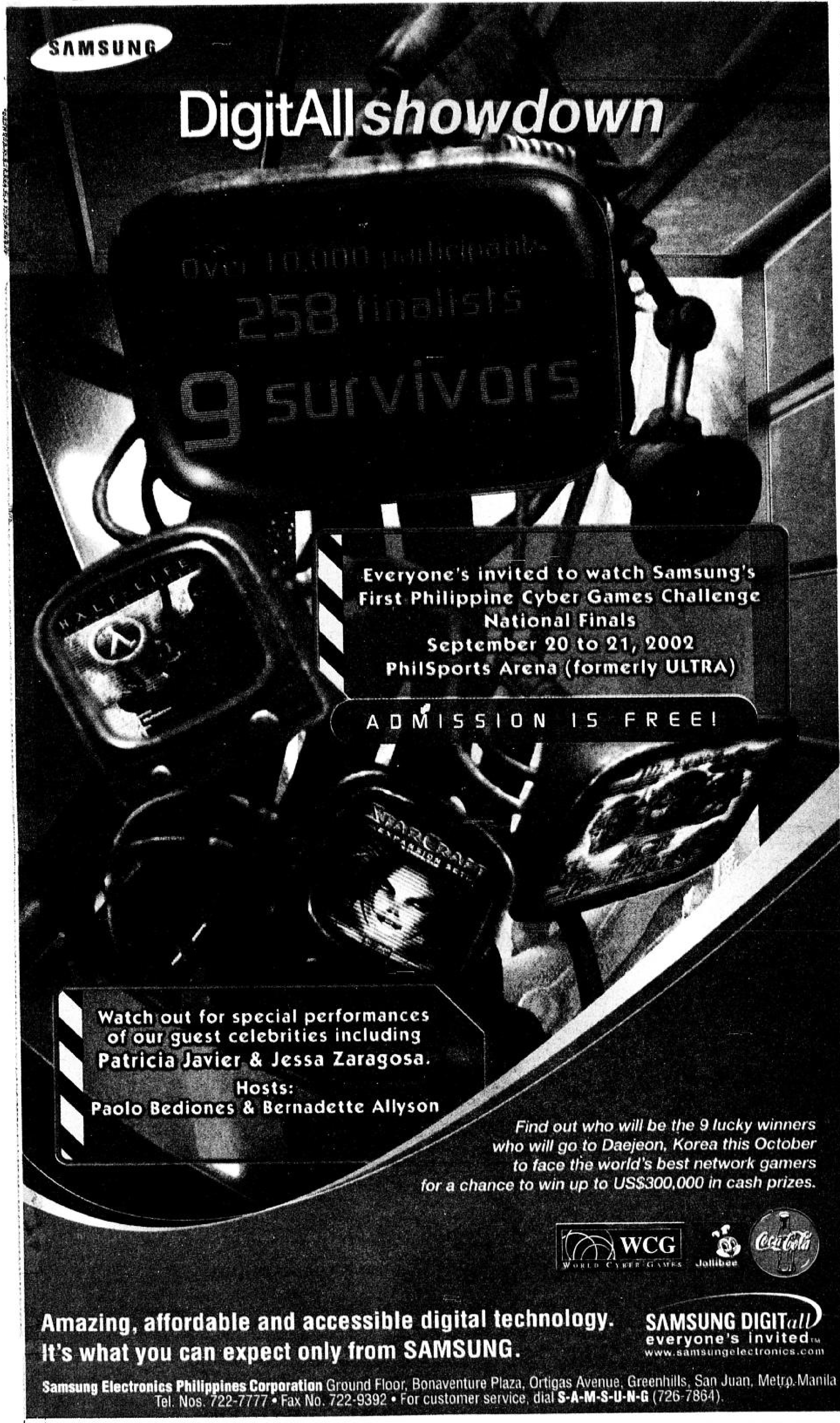
BACOLOD CITY—Veteran Edzel Bracamonte knocked in four goals Monday as powerful NCR-Air Force clobbered Cagayan de Oro-Samsung/WG&A, 8-1, for its second straight victory in the national men's football championship at the Talisay field here.

Bracamonte struck in the 12th, 63rd, 89th and 92nd minutes. The other NCR-PAF goals came from Harold Bayona (35th), Yanti Bersales (49th), Rolando Pinero (54th) and Ziggy Tonog (83rd).

In other matches, Iloilo blanked Rizal province, 4-0; Negros Oriental routed Masbate, 5-0; Cebu whipped Dipolog, 4-1; and host Negros Occidental and Davao walked over Baguio and Iligan, respectively.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1990, Bong Garcia beat Singapore's Alice Tay, 223-197, to snatch the 1990 SJBA Open Masters crown at the Greenlanes. Also today in 1992, Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla fired 574 points to bag the center fire pistol plum in the 17th Seasa (Southeast Asian Shooting Association) championship in Kuala Lumpur.



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Highs and lows

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

I'LL be honest. Even if defending champion Batang Red Bull trails ambitious Talk N Text, 2-3, in their roller coaster series, I still believe coach Yeng Guiao has already made the needed adjustments to enable the Thunder to win tonight at the Philsports Arena and extend the PBA Commissioner's Cup championship affair into a seventh and deciding game.

While Batang Red Bull has its good and bad moments this season, and this year has been no different, I am still confident this team will come back strong by avoiding—first and foremost—the mistakes it committed in Game Five last Sunday, mistakes which proved to be costly ones.

In Game Five played before a big crowd at the Big Dome, Talk N Text capitalized on the Thunder's 21 turnovers—eight of them in the crucial third quarter—to post a 77-55 victory, moving the Phone Pals to within a game of clinching their first ever PBA championship since 1996, something which is easier said than done. For example. The record shows that in the past four titular series which were tied at 2-2, the team which won Game Five proceeded to clinch the title, but it is also on record that a team which took Game Five after a 2-all deadlock and still lost the series was Talk N Text, then Mobiline, which bowed to Shell in the 1998 PBA Governor's Cup. Because of this, many are asking: Will history repeat itself?

"This has been a crazy series," said TNT's outspoken American coach Bayno after Sunday's pivotal triumph. "We caught them flat tonight."

On the other hand, Guiao, who piloted the Photokina franchise to its first PBA championship last year in only its fifth conference appearance, said his team was ready for the daunting task ahead even if the odds have been stacked against them. Red Bull has to win twice in a row to retain its crown.

Because the stakes are higher, I expect tonight's game to go down to a nail-biting finish.

Cua, Santos show way

THIS year's season-opening NCA 7-Stag Derby enters its final round tonight, with two entries setting the pace after scoring three straight wins late Monday night at the Araneta Coliseum.

Ahead of the star-studded field are Shio Expressway-LCC of Louie Cua and RT 114 BMJ of Edgar Santos. Eleven other entries posted two points each to stay within threatening distance in this blockbuster opening salvo of "Stagwars" 2002 hosted by Pampanga's pride Jun and Rudy Jingco and Frank Berin. Leading the two-pointers are All-Star Thunderbird 632 of Big Dome owner Jorge "Nene" Araneta, Alan Tan and William Sy, Binangonan All Stars II of Gov. Ito Ynares and Comb-Winning Time DVH of former PBA Commissioner Rudy Salud.

Lim, Olanosa rule fishing

BENEDICT Lim and teammate Danny Olanosa won the Capt. Ben Solis/ Jess Bartolome Light Tackle Fishing Tournament at Calatagan, Batangas over the weekend.

They scored 19.043 kgs from three stingrays and three jacks out of 71 fish caught by the 31-angler field.

Jude Echauz and Tina Bernasconi placed second with 15.639 on 12 fish. Boy Co and Edwin Guzman placed third with three jacks and an 8.863 kg stingray which won for Co the heaviest fish prize of a Tica reel and a Sure Catch rod donated by Good Catch Fishing Supply of angler Gordon Uy.

Up next is the Golden Maple Manufacturing and American Technologies Inc. light tackle tourney off Talaotao Is. in Mindoro on Oct. 12-13. For more details, call Camille James of PGFF, tel. 373-0743 or fax: 373-0248; e-mail: pgff1940@yahoo.com.

SPORTSTV

Compiled by L. Manguiat

GOLF: Senior PGA Allianz Championship at 2 p.m. (r) on Star Sports

PGA Europro Tour 2002 at 7 p.m. on Star Sports

MOTOR SPORTS: F1 Race Day - Italian Grand Prix at 7 a.m. (r) on Star Sports

SNOOKER: Championships Cup at 8:30 p.m. on ESPN

SOCCER: English Premier Football League at 7 a.m. on Star Sports and 2 p.m. on ESPN

UEFA Champions League tomorrow at 2:30 a.m. on ESPN

BASEBALL: This Week in Baseball at 5:30 p.m. (r) on ESPN

BASEBALL RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 6, Cleveland 1 (game 1); Cleveland 7, Boston 1 (game 2); Detroit 5, Kansas City 2; Toronto 2, Baltimore 0; Oakland 4, Anaheim 3; Texas at Seattle.

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Florida 5, Atlanta 1; Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 3; Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 6.

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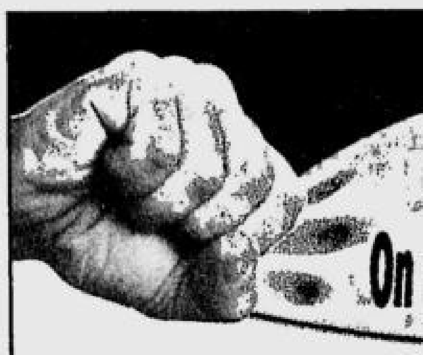

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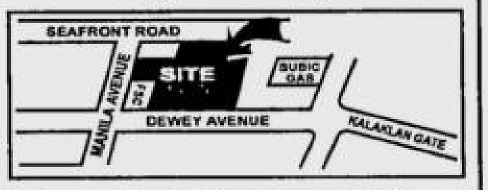
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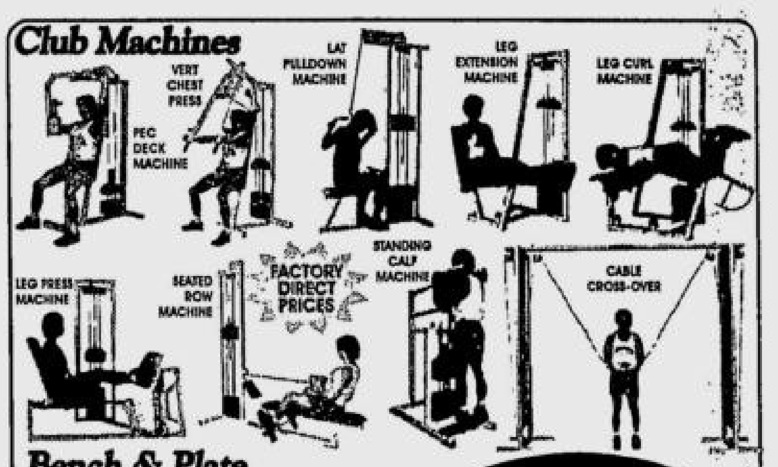
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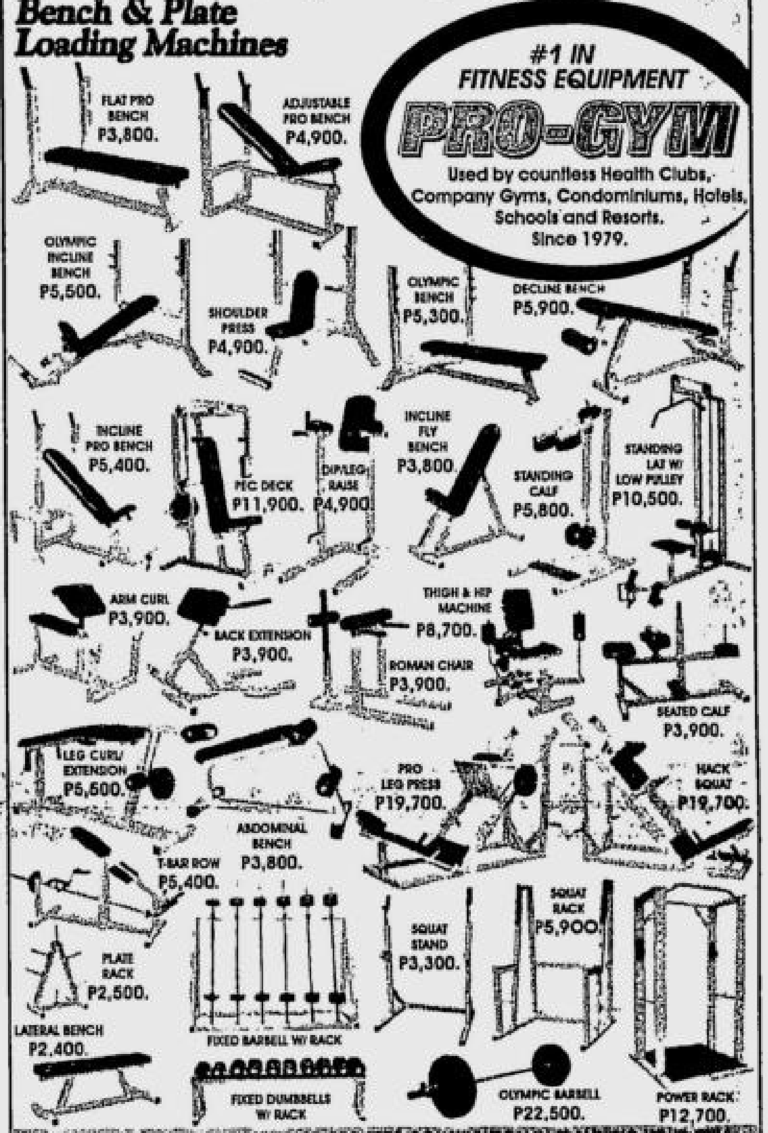
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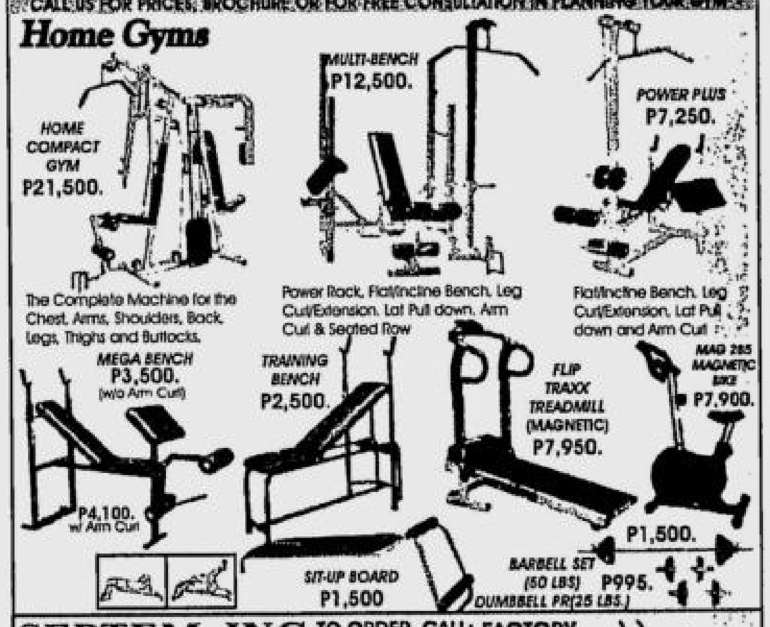
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China whips Adamson

GUANGDONG of China whipped Adamson University, 8-1, yesterday at the start of the 2002 Autumn Moon Invitational Cup women's baseball at the Rizal Memorial Ballpark. Youthful Chinese pitcher Liu Hui Lian limited the Lady Falcons to just one hit as the visitors overwhelmed the Adamson batters, who were bannered by four Blu Girls members.

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6:30 p.m.–Red Bull vs Talk N Text
Game 1–Talk N Text d. Red Bull, 102-100
Game 2–Red Bull d. Talk N Text, 96-86
Game 3–Talk N Text d. Red Bull, 80-71
Game 4–Red Bull d. Talk N Text, 89-81
Game 5–Talk N Text d. Red Bull, 77-55

By June Navarro

TALK N TEXT has never won back-to-back games in the ongoing PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup Finals.

The Phone Pals aim to accomplish that feat tonight when they try to clinch the crown against Batang Red Bull in Game 6 of their championship series at the Philsports Arena.

Ahead 3-2 in the best-of-seven titular showdown, the Phone Pals are all poised to wrap it up in the 6:30 p.m. showdown and win their first-ever title since joining the league in 1996.

The Phone Pals gained headway in the series with a 77-55 romp over Batang Red Bull in Game 5 Sunday night.

But Talk N Text coach Bill Bayno is not in the mood to celebrate just yet. The American bench tactician is wary that the Thunder will come out strong in Game 6.

"We took the air out of them but we didn't get their best. We're gonna get their best in Game 6, no doubt about that," said Bayno, whose Phone Pals are a win shy of completing an upset over the heavily favored Thunder.

Kenny Evans, Felix Belano and Gilbert Demape made imports Jerald Honeycutt and Pete Mickeal work less as they created wonders during the Phone Pals' runaway victory in Game 5.

The trio simply outsmarted their Red Bull counterparts—Willie Miller, Junthy Valenzuela and Jimwell Torion. To compound the Thunder's woes, imports Julius Nwosu and Sean Lampley failed to put up a creditable performance.

Nwosu was shut down to a season low of four points while Lampley, who finished with 17 points, suddenly stopped scoring in the final half of the one-sided contest.

The Phone Pals took Games 1, 3 and 5 while the Thunder recovered after every beating as they won Games 2 and 4.

Will the trend continue?

"I hope it does. Otherwise, it will really be a big disappointment for us," said Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao.

Nwosu also promised to do better. "I'm fine. I'm in good shape," he said. "The team's in high spirit and we'd do everything to extend the series."

The Red Bull management also foresees a "fight to the finish."

"The boys have promised to give their best and go all-out for a victory," said team manager Tony Chua.

NWOSU: "I'm in good shape." ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

SSC, Benilde open title tiff

GAMES TODAY *(Rizal Memorial Coliseum)*
2 p.m.–San Beda vs Letran (Jrs)
4 p.m.–San Sebastian vs St. Benilde (srs)

By June Navarro

SAN Sebastian College seeks revenge as the defending champion Stags begin their best-of-three title showdown against the College of St. Benilde Blazers in the Finals of the 78th NCAA basketball tournament today at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

Although the Stags had already buried the sad memories of their championship duel opposite the Blazers in 2000, coach Turing Valenzona and his wards don't easily forget and will take every opportunity to exact revenge.

Christian Coronel, Jam Alfad, Nicole Uy, Roy Falcasantos and Paul Reguerra were already there at that time and are expected to lead the Stags to their second straight title.

"Both teams are almost equal in strength. I guess we'll just have to pounce on their weaknesses," said the multi-titled Valenzona, who steered the Stags to five straight titles in the mid-90s.

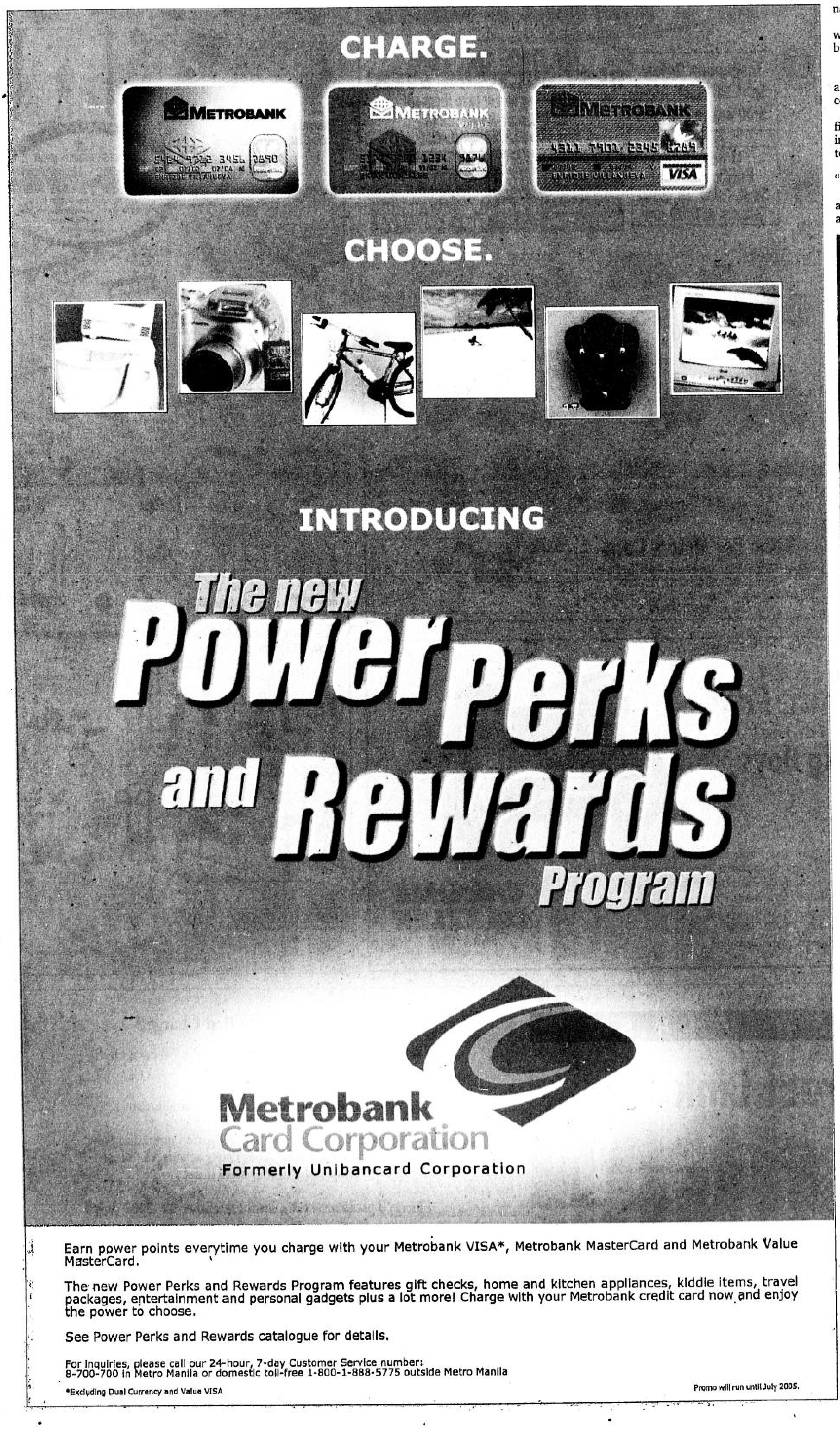
The Stags ruled the 2001 edition at the expense of the Jose Rizal University Heavy Bombers, a year after they lost the first NCAA crown of the millennium against the Blazers.

Blu spanks Casino

GAMES TODAY *(Pasig Sports Center)*
3 p.m.–John-O vs Regent Cheese
5 p.m.–Casino vs Montana

BLU All-Purpose started its title bid on a bright note by beating Casino Rubbing, 77-74, yesterday in the PBL-CBF dual meet at the Makati Coliseum.

Aries Dimaunahan and Arnold Calo led Blu by scoring 14 points apiece while Lou Gatumbato scattered seven of his nine points in the final quarter that allowed the Detergent Kings to control the match.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Fernando to vendors: Go to Malacañang

By Leila B. Salaverria, Philip C. Tubeza, Agnes E. Donato and Christian V. Esguerra

FERNANDO

THE PROBLEM with vendors is they don't listen.

This was how Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando yesterday described illegal vendors with whom he had locked horns in his clearing operations on the sidewalks and side streets of Metro Manila.

Still, Fernando gave them another piece of advice: Go to Malacañang or to the Department of Social Work and Development department.

"They should go to Malacañang or the DSWD," Fernando yesterday said in a phone interview. "The DSWD gives grants, doesn't it? I have been telling them that there is space (for them) inside markets. The problem with them is that they don't listen."

Fernando was also reacting to vendors' statements that he should follow Mandaluyong Mayor Benhur Abalos' example and give grants and an alternative selling space to displaced vendors.

FERNANDO /A26

Girl survives 18 stab wounds, rape by addict

By Philip C. Tubeza

SHE WAS stabbed 18 times, raped and then left for dead on Sunday.

But the 18-year-old victim survived the attack of a 19-year-old alleged drug addict who had lured her into an empty house on Bataan Street in Sta. Mesa, Manila, police said.

The girl, a resident of Bacood in Sta. Mesa, Manila is now fighting for her life at the intensive care unit of the Philippine General Hospital, said investigators from the Western Police District-Women and Children's Desk.

Police said that they have already located the suspect who fled to the province after the incident. His name was also withheld pending his arrest.

Police said the assault happened at 12:30 a.m. on Sunday when the suspect invited the victim to go with him to a relative's house on Bataan Street.

Since the house was near her home, the vic-

GIRL SURVIVES /A26

Businessmen support MMDA move to open villages to traffic

By Blanche S. Rivera

METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando has found a strange ally in the business sector in his drive to open subdivisions to traffic and get rid of sidewalk vendors.

The Employers Confederation of the Philippines said yesterday that it was supporting Fernando in his efforts to decongest traffic in the metropolis, even if it would mean opening the village gates.

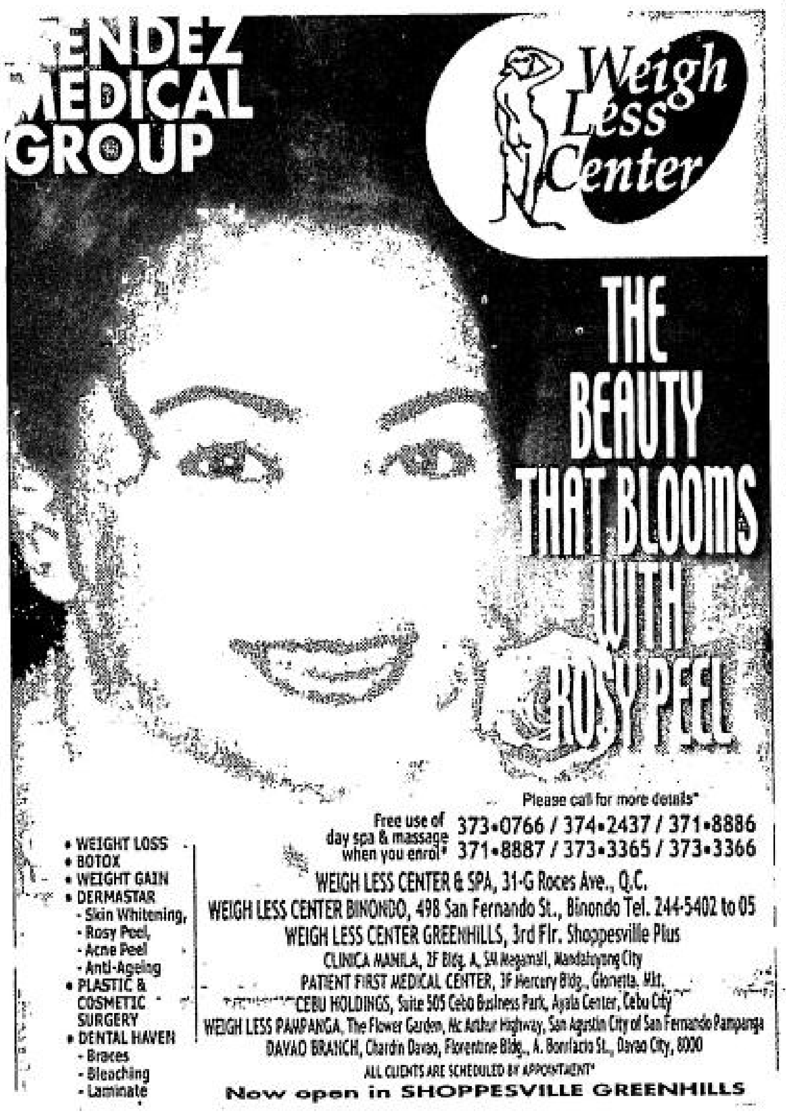
"I'd be lying if I tell you that this has the full support of ECOP members, but if there are guidelines, maybe we can do something to convince them," ECOP president Donald Dee said.

The ECOP, composed of more than 500 medium-and large-scale companies whose operators live mostly in private subdivisions, had also imposed one condition: Subdivision roads should be open to private vehicles only.

"There must be a way to talk this through," ECOP president Donald Dee said. "I support this, but there should be guidelines because security is a problem right now."

Dee said that the MMDA should come out with concrete terms of opening up avenues, like stipulating what time the gates would be opened and who could use the roads.

He pointed out that public utility vehicles should not be allowed inside subdivisions.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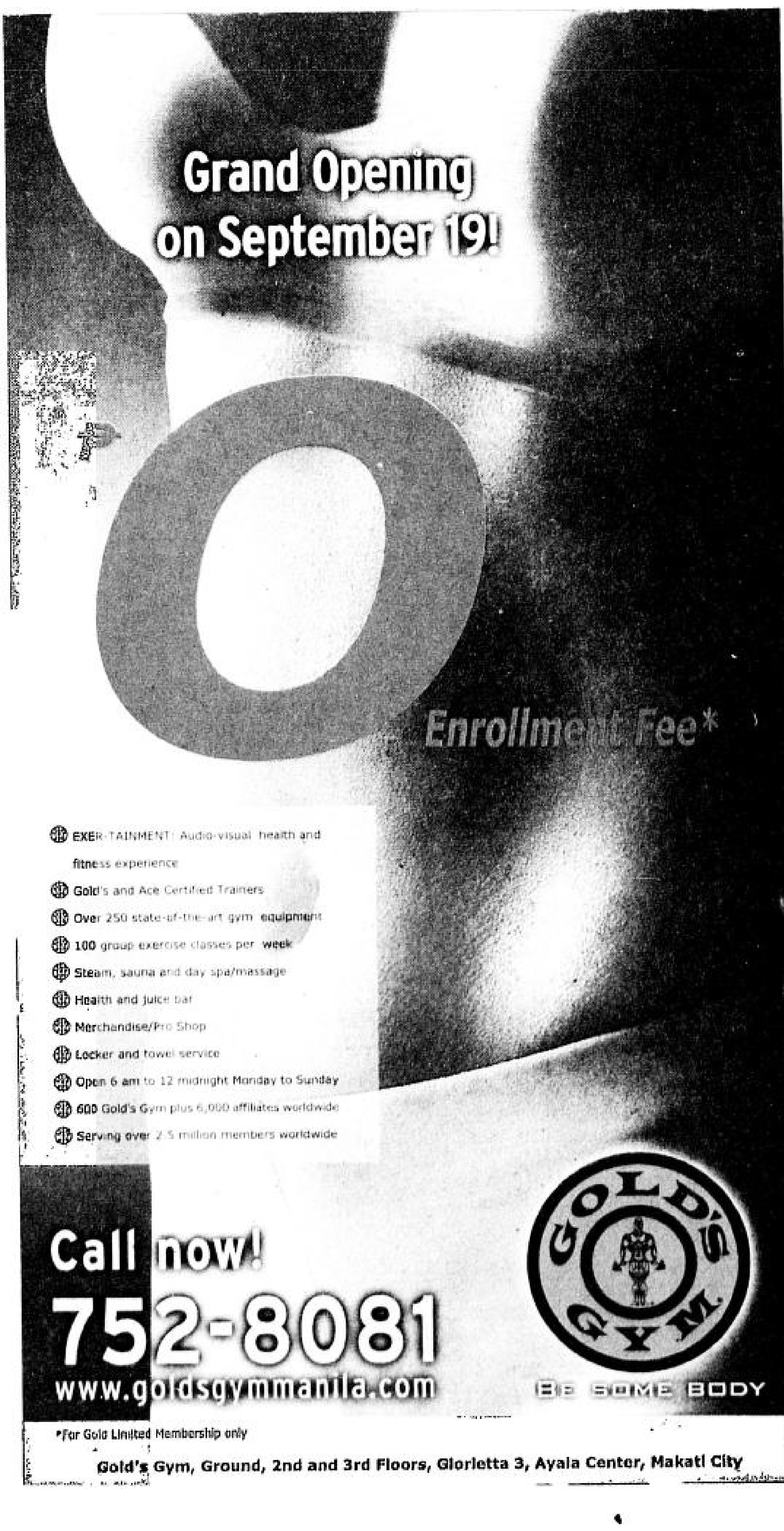
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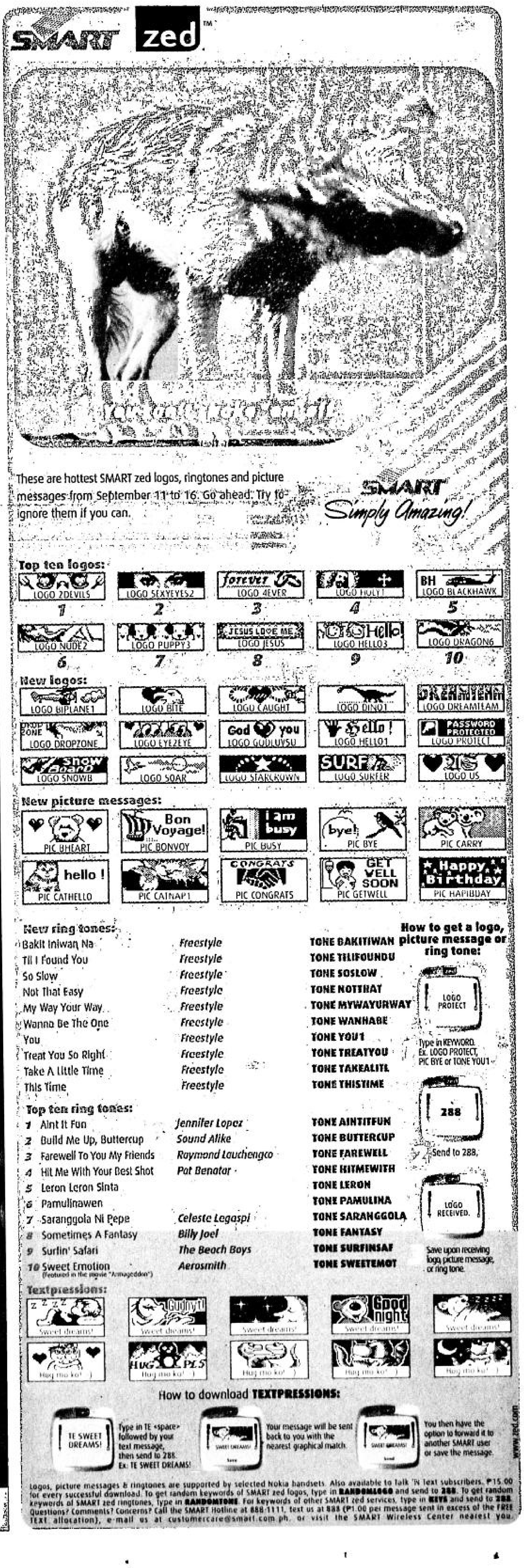
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Jail guards relieved for coddling suspect cops

By Christian V. Esguerra

FOUR officers of the Pasay City jail were relieved for allegedly coddling policemen tagged in the brutal killing of former actress Marissa Del Mar's brother three years ago.

In a memorandum, jail warden Jaime Silva transferred the officers to his office pending the approval of his recommendation for them to be moved to the regional office of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology.

Silva said SJO1 Ronieldo Unasin, SJO1 Floro Esperas, JO3 Robert Serrano, and JO1 Antonio Avila had to be transferred to prevent them from "intimidating potential witnesses" during the investigation.

The warden himself came under fire after Malacañang asked Interior Secretary Jose Lina to investigate the jail officers for allegedly giving special treatment to suspects SPO2 Romeo Isidro and PO1 Ricardo Eusebio.

Isidro and Eusebio are among six detainees, including another policeman, accused of murdering Del Mar's brother, SPO1 Jaime Magsino, in August 1999.

Isidro and Eusebio are also facing kidnapping charges before a Pasig regional trial court.

During a hearing in Pasig last August 20, Serrano and Esperas did not handcuff Isidro and Eusebio when they escorted the accused using a privately owned vehicle, Del Mar's brother Christopher claimed.

After the hearing, the group allegedly did not return to the Pasay City jail and instead proceeded to the Multinational Village in Parañaque City.

Citing records, Silva claimed in his memorandum that Isidro and Eusebio left the jail at 12:40 p.m. and returned at 4:05 p.m. on Aug. 20.

In another incident last week, jail officers Unasin and Avila allegedly accompanied the two policemen to a lawyer's house in Mandaluyong City and later went to a restaurant on Jupiter Street in Makati City after a hearing Pasig.

Del Mar said both incidents were caught on video.

Macaldo pleads not guilty in Chiko Go killing

By Philip Tubeza

VICTOR Macaldo Jr., the man whom police tagged as the triggerman in the murder of former Manila councilor Chika Go, was finally arraigned yesterday.

Macaldo, of Mary Homes Subdivision in Molino, Bacoor, Cavite, entered a plea of not guilty, said Detective Alfredo Salazar, of the Western Police District's homicide section.

The accused was arraigned yesterday morning at the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 27, Salazar added.

He said Macaldo was supposed to be arraigned Monday, but that did not push through because he had no lawyer.

"We waited until noon," Salazar said. "The judge called him out four times but he had no lawyer."

Yesterday, lawyer Bernard Masilang presented himself as Macaldo's lawyer, Salazar added.

Masilang is a deputy-director of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines' national committee for legal aid.

He said that although Macaldo now has a "high-calibre" lawyer to defend him, the police is still confident that they will be able to prove that he killed Go.

A witness had positively identified Macaldo as one of two men who were on a motorcycle that drove up to Go's Mitsubishi Pajero while it was stuck in traffic on Reina Regente street, Binondo on the afternoon of Aug. 10.

The witness told police that it was Macaldo who repeatedly shot Go in his car.

Go died later at the Metropolitan Hospital, police records showed.

Police said Macaldo also admitted that he killed SP01 Fernando Rellenas, 44, of the Plaza Miranda police community precinct in Sta. Cruz, on May 1.

Investigators are now preparing robbery with homicide charges against him for Rellenas' death.

Macaldo allegedly took the policeman's gun after he shot him, investigators said.

BEAMING BEAUTIES

Maricar M. Balagatas (right) yesterday left for Lebanon to join 49 other contestants in the Model of the World 2002 pageant. With her is Kristine Reyes Alzar who will leave on Sept. 23 to represent the country in the Miss International 2002 pageant in Tokyo, Japan.

JOAN BONDOC

17-year-old boy slain in Manila gang war

By Philip Tubeza

WHILE Manila officials are studying a proposed measure to impose a citywide curfew for youths, a gang war erupted in Sampaloc yesterday and claimed the life of a 17-year-old boy.

Jonathan A. Ricalde of Algeciras Street, Sampaloc, Manila was shot dead in a rumble on the corner of P. Florentino and R.S. Cristobal streets at around 12:30 a.m. yesterday, said Detective Rodelio T. Lingcong of the Western Police District's homicide section.

Lingcong said Ricalde was a member of the True Brown Style (TBS) street gang.

He said the victim and his six gangmates were walking in that ungodly hour on P. Florentino Street when they encountered another group of youngsters, said to belong to the Chinese Mafia, another street gang.

Without any provocation, the Chinese Mafia members suddenly threw stones and empty beer bottles at Ricalde's group, Lingcong said.

The TBS gang members then retaliated in kind and went after the suspects, resulting in a free-for-all ensued, Lingcong added.

At the height of the rumble, five gunshots rang out.

The fighting stopped and Ricalde's gangmates were surprised when they saw the victim with blood on his chest collapse on the pavement, Lingcong said.

The Chinese Mafia gang members hurriedly left. Ricalde's gangmates took him to the University of Santo Tomas Hospital.

Unfortunately, they were too late. The victim was declared dead on arrival, Lingcong said.

He added the police are now hunting down the suspects.

Pagcor: No public humiliation ever happened

THE PHILIPPINE Amusement & Gaming Corp. yesterday said a businessman who filed a formal complaint against five of its top officers was never humiliated in public.

In a statement, Pagcor also claimed that the practice of accepting checks in exchange for playing chips, although enforced during the time of former Pagcor chair Alice Reyes, has been discontinued since Efraim Genuino took over as chair.

David E. So, a retired businessman of Pasig City and a VIP player at the state-run Casino Filipino, had sued Pagcor for public humiliation after it accused him of issuing bouncing checks in exchange for P5 million worth of gaming chips.

So filed the complaint last Sept. 2 against Genuino and four other officials of the Casino Filipino-Naia for "incriminating an innocent person," an act punishable under Article 363 of the Penal Code.

The state-run gaming firm, through its chief legal counsel Carlos Bautista Jr., issued a point-by-point clarification of So's allegations.

"We have been trying to get Mr. So to sit down with us and reconcile his outstanding obligations since year 2000," Bautista said in Pagcor's statement. "However, all our efforts proved futile. We therefore issued him a written demand and final notice."

Bautista said "it is not true that Mr. So was embarrassed and humiliated in the presence of other people last July 27." He said that Casino Filipino personnel "respectfully and courteously delivered the demand letter to him in a non-gaming area and its contents were never announced to other people in the premises."

"Our records show that we even gave rebates to Mr. So," Bautista said. "As a matter of policy, Pagcor gives rebates to its VIP players but not to people who have outstanding debts in our casinos.

"We are now in the process of setting up a dialogue with Mr. So to settle this matter under terms most suitable to both parties," Bautista added.

He confirmed that So has been disallowed from playing in any of Pagcor's gaming establishments "until he has settled his outstanding obligations."

"It must be pointed out that entry into Casino Filipino is not a right but a mere privilege," the lawyer said. "There have been instances when we refused entry to certain persons due to the request of their next of kin."

Bautista said the cancelation of the checks-for-chips facility was one of the reforms introduced by Genuino when he took over in February 2001. The practice, Bautista said, was a source of abuse and gave rise to numerous cases of bouncing checks.

Named co-respodents in the complaint filed before the Paranaque City Assistant Prosecutor Gil Savedia were Casino Filipino senior branch manager Francisco Antonio, operations managers Ruben San Jose and Pablo Mortel, and gaming area manager Ely Sy.

In his complaint, So said he became a victim of irregularities in the checks-for-chips facility because he was made to understand that the checks he issued had already been covered by the rebates he was supposed to receive for his losses which had accumulated to about P100 million.

Casino Filipino players receive a five percent rebate for every loss of P1 million.

5 rounded up in Caloocan buy-bust

POLICEMEN yesterday arrested Romeo Hilario, Julian Valdez, Jonathan Bautista, Jose Baytas and Rebecca Morales for drug dealing and vehicular theft in Caloocan City.

Supt. Dionisio Borromeo of the Caloocan Police said Hilario and Valdez were nabbed in Bagong Barrio at around 8 p.m. when they handed over sachets said to contain shabu to an undercover lawman.

The culprits were on a motorcycle which police later found to have been stolen.

The duo led lawmen to three of their cohorts, who were caught stealing a scooter, Borromeo said. Police later found out that the Tamaraw FX the three were using was also stolen. *Tina Santos*

3 men arrested for attempted kidnapping in QC

By Alcuin Papa

MEMBERS of the National Capital Region Police Office and the Central Police District yesterday arrested three men for trying to abduct a student last Sept. 3.

Police identified the suspects as Leonardo Reyes, 31, of Jacinto Street, Roxas District, Quezon City, Alexander Delos Santos, 29 of Gumamela St., Roxas District, and Rodolfo Constantino, 30 of Madre Silva St., Roxas.

Police said the suspects were involved in the botched kidnapping of 20-year-old John Jao on Sept. 3 in Barangay Mariana, Quezon City.

Police said follow-up operations led to the arrest of the suspects at around 5 a.m. yesterday.

The investigators said the three suspects were also involved in gunrunning and car theft.

Police recovered from the suspects a red Mazda sedan (WTI-653), a white taxi (PXA-104), a Jericho 9-mm pistol, and a Tag Heuer watch.

Police are set to file the appropriate charges against the suspects.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

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Jesus said, "What comparison can I use for this people? What are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace, about whom their companions complain: 'We piped you a tune and you wouldn't dance; we sang funeral songs and you wouldn't cry.'

Remember John: he didn't eat bread or drink wine, and you said: 'He has an evil spirit.' Next came the Son of Man, eating and drinking, and you say: 'Look, a glutton for food and wine, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But the children of Wisdom always recognize her work."

Commentary

Nothing can move cynical people unless they remove the blindness which prevents them from seeing reality. One will always find a reason to disbelieve what one experiences. Jesus was showing the sign of the coming of God's reign, which John himself proclaimed. Nonetheless, they always had the reasons not to believe. The Gospel today challenges us to be mindful of our blindness, through which prism we might have a biased perception of people and events. Only through such mindfulness and acceptance of such a mind-state will we be able to transcend biases.

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Fernando to vendors:..

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Mandaluyong sidewalk vendors have been rejoicing over Abalos' promise to give them a P5,000 grant and a vacant lot where they could transfer, said Pedring Fadrigon, president of the Metro Manila Vendors' Association.

He said Abalos' promises are proof that talks between vendors and local government executives could prove fruitful.

"The problem is (Fernando) ignores the little people," Fadrigon said.

Wilson Fortaleza of Sanlakas said the Fernando should follow Abalos' example instead of being too harsh in dealing with them.

In Quezon City, about 150 vendors yesterday picketed the Quezon City Hall to ask Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. to stop Fernando from demolishing their sidewalk stalls.

Their leaders said that tomorrow, the vendors will have a dialogue with Belmonte.

But Belmonte, in a phone interview, told the INQUIRER that he supports Fernando's moves even as he said the Quezon City government has been clearing places where illegal vending is rampant.

He cited downtown Cubao, which he called "the face of the city," Manggahan where almost half a million people pass through everyday, and downtown Novaliches.

MMVA's Fadrigon said the mayors should actively help their constituents who are being driven off the streets.

Don Pangan of Sanlakas said the vendors, who have been seeking Fernando's ouster, think that Mandaluyong's Abalos and Manila Mayor Lito Atienza could be "possible replacements" for Fernando in case the MMDA chair is ousted.

Abalos and Atienza are the only Metro Manila mayors who have openly criticized Fernando's efforts against the vendors.

Atienza has been insisting that the vendors could be organized into cooperatives and allowed to occupy designated sidewalk areas.

But Fernando had said this had long been proven ineffective in decongesting traffic, citing the squalid condition of Divisoria in Manila.

Girl survives 18 stab wounds...

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tim agreed to go with the suspect, police said.

When they got to the house, the victim noticed that it was unlighted, but the suspect supposedly told her that his relatives might be asleep, police said.

Investigators said the couple then entered the house, and the suspect lunged at the victim's back with a knife, stabbing her 18 times in the back and chest.

She slumped on the ground, pretending to be dead as the suspect almost threw a big rock at her to make sure she was dead, police said. The suspect then raped the girl and left her for dead.

But the girl managed to cry out for help and was brought to the PGH where doctors are now trying to keep her alive, police said.

Dennis Roldan sues trader over bounced checks

By Agnes E. Donato

ACTOR and former Quezon City representative Dennis Roldan yesterday charged a businessman with estafa for allegedly issuing him four bounced checks worth around P2 million.

Roldan, real name Mitchell Gumabao, accused businessman Victor Abalos of "sweet-talking" him into lending the money.

In his complaint, Roldan claimed that he had done business with Abalos before.

"On several occasions, after he obtained and gained my trust and confidence, (Abalos) pleaded that he was in dire need of cash to cover his transactions," said the former congressman.

Roldan said in exchange for the money he gave Abalos, the businessman issued four checks to Roldan worth P370,500, P1.02 million, P300,000, and P350,000, respectively.

Roldan claimed all the checks were dishonored when he presented them to the bank for collection.

He said he later found out that Abalos himself knew at the time he issued the checks that his checking account had no sufficient funds to cover the face value of the checks.

He added he repeatedly reminded Abalos to pay his debts, but the latter allegedly just kept on promising him to do so.

He asked the court to order Abalos to pay him the P2.04 million, plus 20 percent of the face value of the checks as penalty.

SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

CRIMINAL LAW (CRIMES AGAINST PERSONAL LIBERTY AND SECURITY)—The crime committed by appellant in the case at bar falls under Article 267 of the Revised Penal Code , kidnapping and failure to return a minor—It has two essential elements, namely: (1) the offender is entrusted with the custody of a minor person; and (2) the offender deliberately fails to restore the said minor to his parents or guardians. The essential element of the crime is that the offender is entrusted with the custody of the minor but rather the deliberate failure of the custodian of the minor to restore the latter to his parents or guardians. Indeed, the word deliberate as used in Article 270 of the Revised Penal Code must imply something more than mere negligence—it must be premeditated, headstrong, foolishly daring or intentionally and maliciously wrong. When Roselle entrusted Roselyn to appellant before setting out on an errand for appellant to look for ice water, the first element was accomplished and when appellant refused to return the baby to Roselle despite her continuous pleas, the crime was effectively accomplished. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Melo, Third Division, People v. Bernardo, G.R. No. 144316, March 11, 2002]

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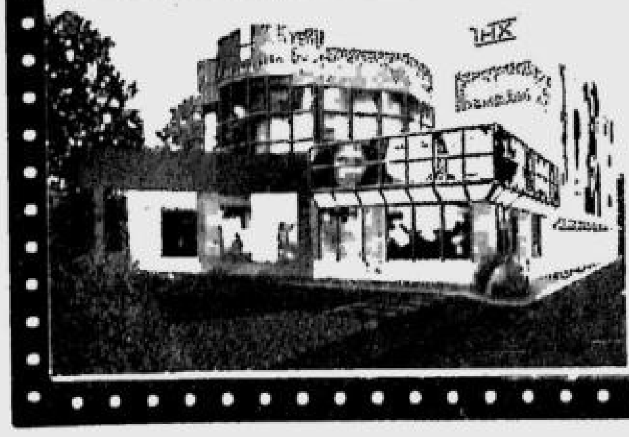

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Festival of comedies and family dramas

From page A30

"Nodo Jiman" ("nodo" means "voice" and "jiman" means "boasting") will definitely suit the Pinoy's love for singing. It tells the stories of different contestants who, out of a total of 4,000, are vying to be among the 20 finalists in a famous amateur singing contest. It is about the pursuit of happiness and wishes coming true.

A struggling traditional Japanese pop singer, Reiko Akagi, disobeys her manager and joins the preliminary contest. Keisuke Araki, an inept father of four, aspires to be a yakitori shop owner by taking a crash course, only to find out that his license exam coincides with his attempt to land in the Nodo Jiman finals also. High school student Rika Takahashi, another contestant, is torn between her mother and sister, while Granpa Kotaro just wants to make his Brazil-bound grandson happy by joining the contest.

Add the stories of two construction workers, a taxi driver, and other characters, and you'll end up with more than just a movie fusion of Regine Velasquez's "Star for a Night" and Bernadette Sembrano's "Wish Ko Lang."

Unfaithful

"Osaka Story" (Osaka Monogatari) focuses on the life of Harumi and Kosuke Shimotsuki, a middle-aged couple who has been performing as a "manzai" duo for the past 20 years, and their two children, Wakana, 14, and Ichiro, 10. Harumi, the wife, finally has enough of her unfaithful husband when Kosuke impregnates a younger woman. Despite divorcing her husband, who is also a drunkard, Harumi must still proceed with their act together to earn a living.

After realizing how worthless he is as a husband and as a father, Kosuke leaves. With the help of some letters and cards sent to his father, Wakana traces her father's acquaintances and eventually gets to know him better through them.

Harumi reminds me of the late Nida Blanca while Kosuke looks like an older Jay Manalo.

Another old movie from the JFMO archives, "Take Me Out to the Snowland" (Watashi O Ski ni Tsurete Itte), wraps up my Eiga Sai experience on a low note.

This 1987 film is actually just a typical love story set in snow. Think of the movies of the teenage Gabby Concepcion and Sharon Cuneta, except that the main characters are fond of skiing. The plot is basically simple and somewhat stupid. Fumio Yano is a workaholic who has no time for love until he meets the shy Yulkegami while on vacation. They soon part ways but Yano bumps into Yu again since she is a secretary at his managing director's office.

There are the usual bad guys who will do anything to ruin a Valentine's Day event that involves Fumio and Yu. But there are also the friends who will do anything to help them live happily ever after. To complete the package, other characters cheer and clap when the lovers finally end up in each other's arms.

Despite the generally negative feedback I heard from viewers who usually equate Japanese cinema with animé, we must still applaud JFMO for putting up this free-admission contemporary Japanese filmfest. I just hope, though, that the next batch of Eiga Sai films are worth recommending to other viewers.

Meanwhile, I'll just hang out at the Alliance Francaise to watch a French film for free every Wednesday night and at the Instituto Cervantes for its free screening of Spanish films every Saturday afternoon.

The six films are still showing at the CCP Tanghalang Manuel Conde until Sept. 20.

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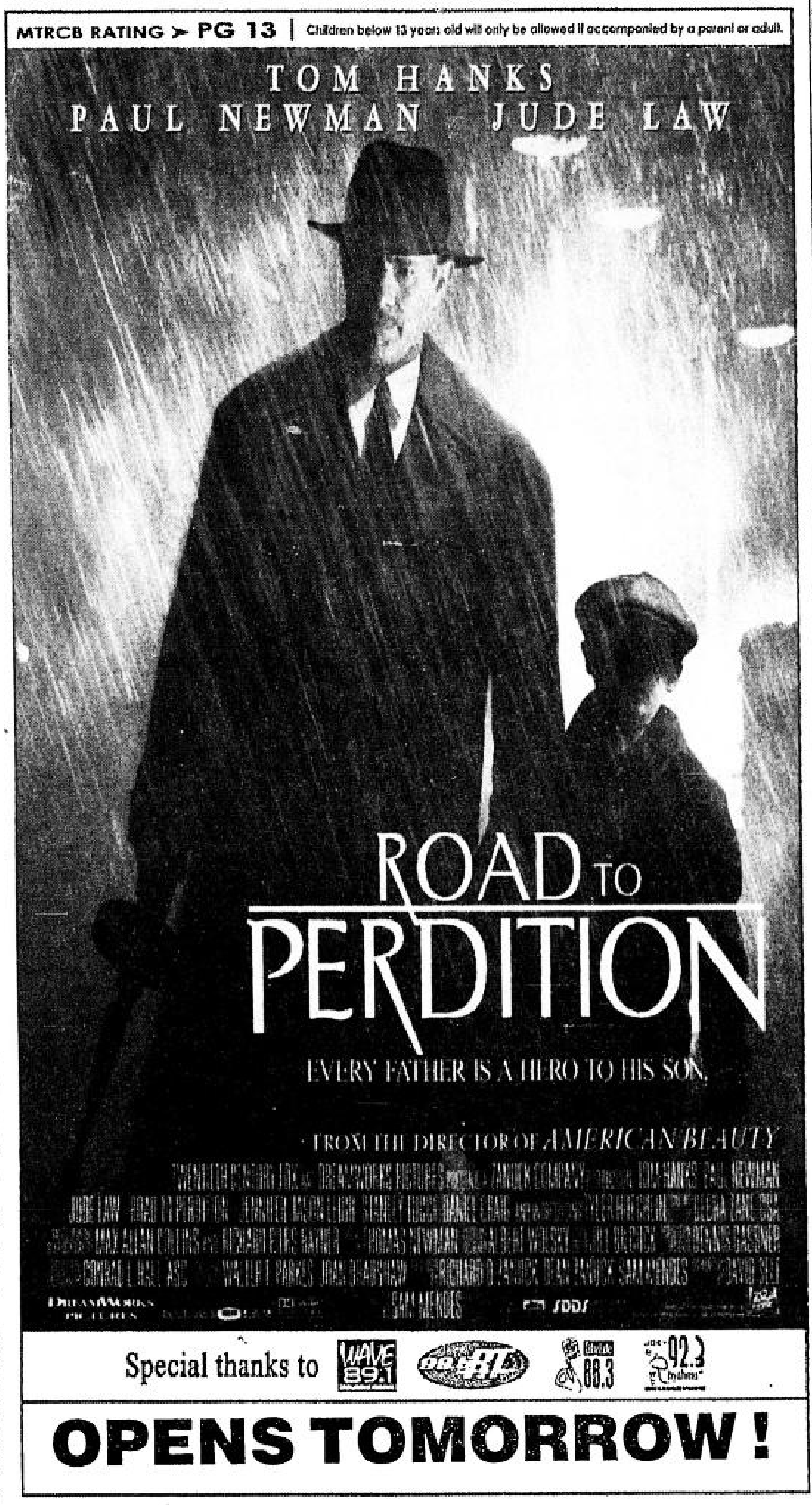
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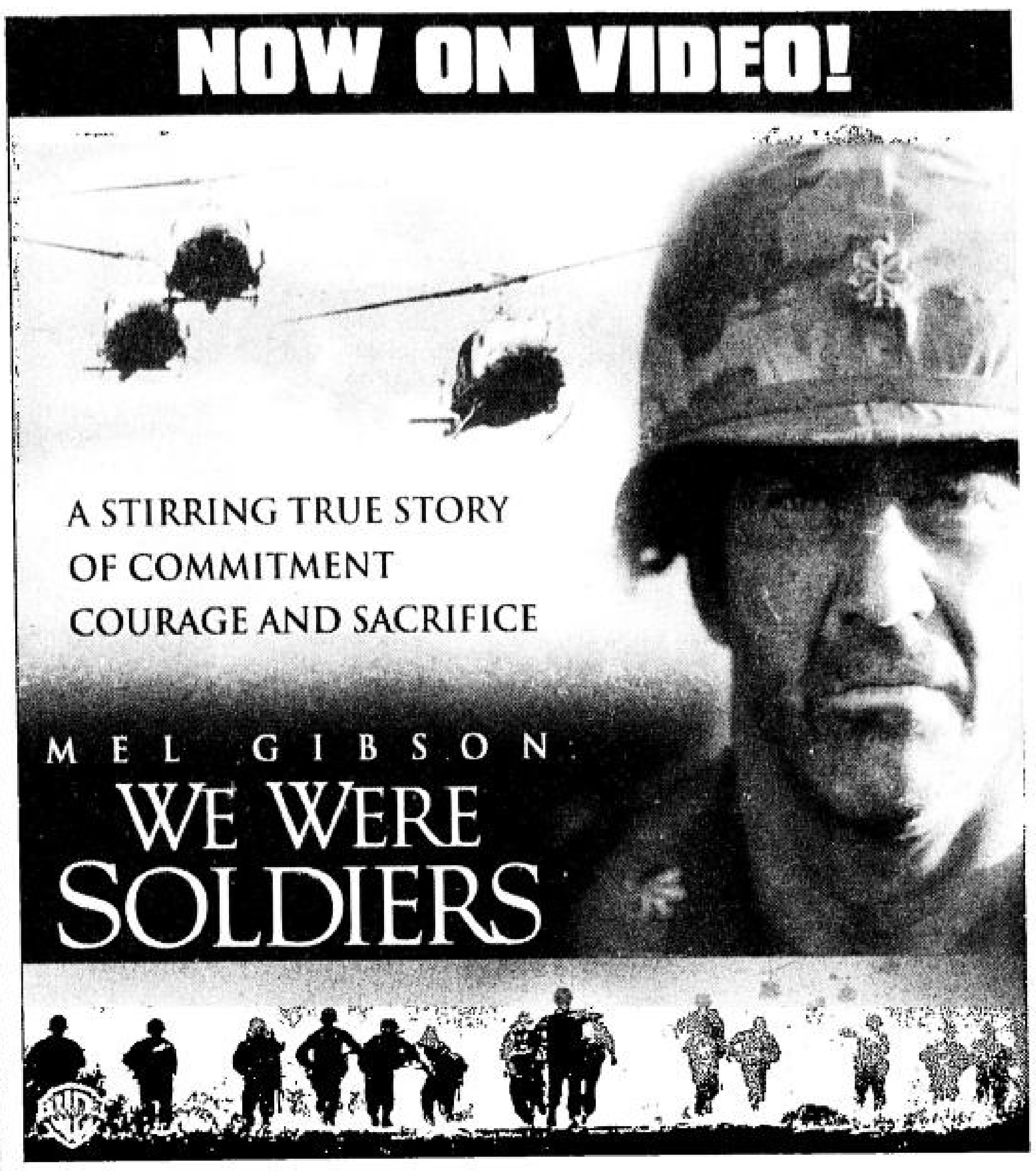
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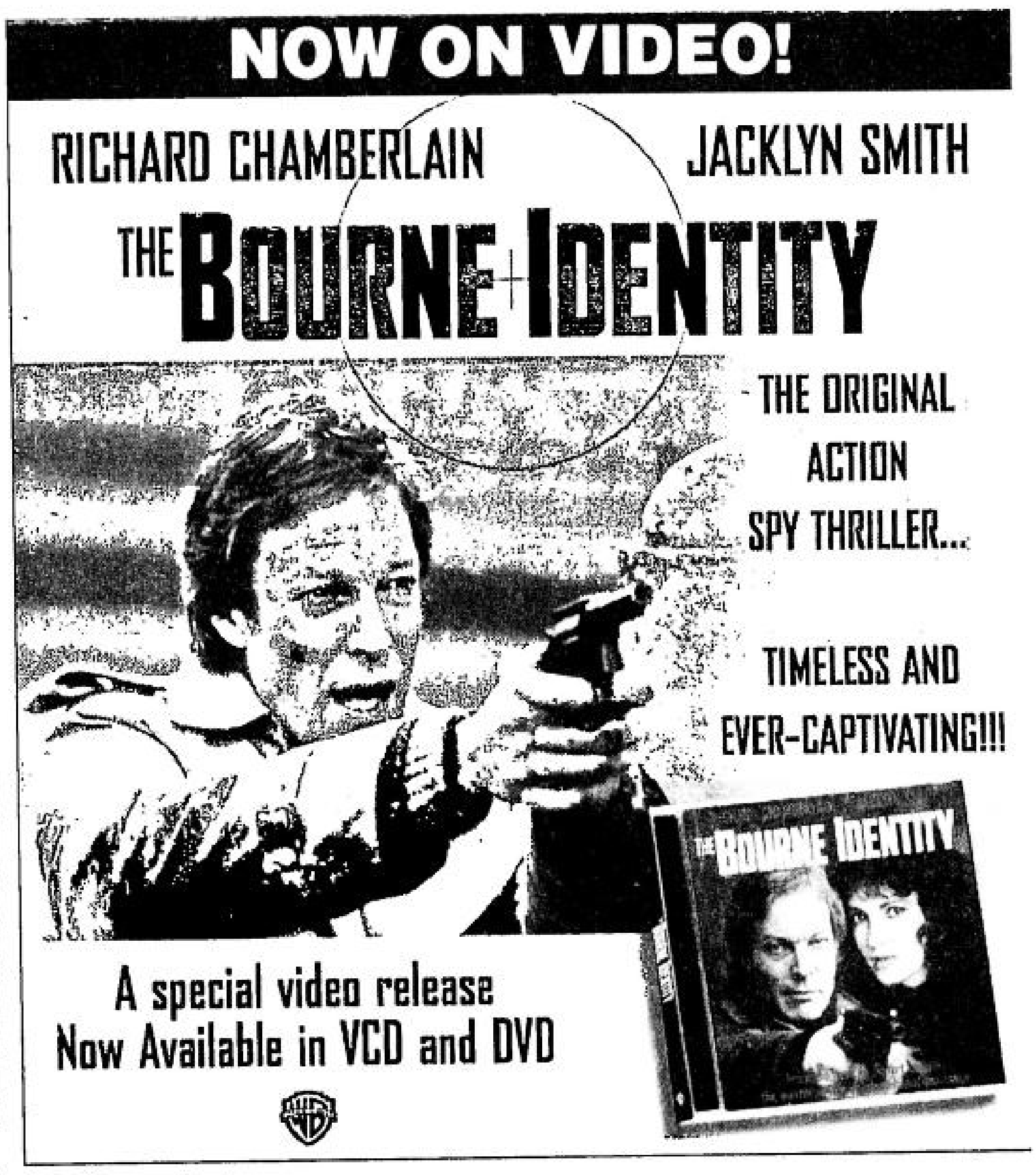
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Ellen Burstyn turns in bravura performance

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

SANDRA Bullock is billed as the star of "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," but the movie is effortlessly stolen from her by Ellen Burstyn, who plays her mother.

Ideally, the mother and daughter characters should have been evenly matched, the better for their scenes to come to a nice thespic peak, but Bullock is simply no match for Burstyn's depth, range and passion.

Fact is, the actress who comes closest to Burstyn's bravura work is Ashley Judd, who plays her character in her younger years. But we're getting ahead of our story:

The problem starts when Bullock's character, Sidda, writes a hit play about her childhood, and in an interview says some hurtful things about her mother, Vivi—who flies off the handle and refuses to talk to her remorseful daughter.

The situation deteriorates so badly that Vivi's three best friends (the members of their lifelong "Ya-Ya Sisterhood" decide to step in. Painful though it may be, they have to make Sidda understand what has made her mother a psychological basket case.

They start with Vivi's mother, who was another "walking wounded," especially after she sensed that her cruel husband had incestuous designs on their daughter.

Another low blow that Vivi suffered was the death during World War Two of her first and truest love. All these negative experiences made her high-strung and a pill-popper, so when she finally married and had children, she turned out to be a neurotic mother.

Soon enough, her neurosis got so bad that she suffered a nervous breakdown. Being the eldest child, Sidda had to take care of her younger siblings, and was thus deprived of a happy childhood.

Since she didn't know the details of her mother's psychological problems, Sidda wasn't able to solve her own problems, thus the major estrangement that the Ya-Ya Sisters now strove mightily to salve.

Ashley Judd does some spectacular thespic turns in the scenes in the film that show Vivi at her irrational worst. Despite this acting showcase, however, it's still Burstyn who comes off best.

Also scoring their own points are the veteran actresses who play the lovingly interfering Ya-Ya Sisters—Maggie Smith, Fionnula Flanagan and Shirley Knight. They may be supporting players here, but they make each of their scenes count.

On the debit side, the film is flawed by its skittish plotting. Since the storytelling keeps going into flashbacks and narration, the plot doesn't really come to a head, so the movie can be appreciated only for its separate scenes, not as a whole.

The frequent changes in time frame also make it occasionally difficult to identify continuing characters through their various periodic incarnations.

Despite its awkward structuring and other flaws, however, this film remains viewable, thanks to the sassy, sensitive performances turned in by its senior actresses.

Workshops

TRUMPETS' year-round theater Playshop has new workshops lined up for September and October: Musical Theater for teens and adults, Children's Musical Theater, Dance, and individual voice lessons. There will also be a special workshop in Music and Movement for pre-schoolers.

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'Pinocchio'

TANGHALANG Pilipino stages the Filipino adaptation of Carlo Collodi's "Pinocchio" at the CCP on Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26. The well-loved children's classic is about the magical adventures of a wooden puppet who wants to become a real boy. Call 832-3661.

'Calamba 1888'

"CALAMBA 1888," Amelia C. Rosales' adaptation of Severino Montano's "Parting at Calamba," will be presented at FEU on Sept. 18 and 19 at 10:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Admission is free.

The play is on Dr. Jose Rizal's last days with his family before returning to Europe in 1888. It is directed by Segundo C. Dizon and its actors include Ihman Estureo, Rustica Carpio, Ces Aldaba, Amy Rosales, Cathy Arguelles, Lucy Valenzuela, Mila Cañares, Belen Bucao, Donna Garcia and Valentin Simon.

'HONEYMOON'

After the wedding comes the honeymoon. But will Daboy (Rudy Fernandez) and bombshell Girly (Rosanna Roces, left) have one hot romantic honeymoon in store for them? This week's guest, Alma Moreno, comes and "disrupts" the new couple's matrimonial bliss. Put under the witness protection program, Brenda (Alma) and child need a place to hide. Daboy and Girly's boss leave them no choice but to take the mother and child under their custody. "Daboy en Da Girl" airs Thursday, 9 p.m. on GMA 7.

E! Philippines airs Latin Grammy Awards

SHAKIRA, Marc Anthony, Carlos Santana, Juanes, Nelly Furtado, Carlos Vives and Thalia are scheduled to perform during the 3rd Annual Latin Grammy Awards to be aired live on E! Philippines, Sept. 19, 9 to 11 a.m., with a rebroadcast at 8:30 p.m. the same day.

Presented by Globe Handyphone, this year's Latin Grammy's will be hosted by Gloria Estefan and Jimmy Smits.

Among the stellar list of presenters are Justin Timberlake, Hector Elizondo, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Reba McEntire, Esai Morales, Cheech Marin, Laura Pausini, Jon Secada, Daisy Fuentes, Nick Carter, Andres Cabas, Alex Meneses, Jacqueline Obredors, Freddy Rodrigues, Wilmer Valderrama and Ali Landry.

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NO STEREOTYPE. Cherie Gil breathes life to a new contravida character in "Bituin."

'Weakest Link'. . .

From page A30

"I'll try to attack it differently and give it more depth," Cherie says of her "Bituin" character. "I have a clear picture of how the character will develop."

Noynoy's new 'girl'

TARLAC Rep. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III is said to be courting a new girl, Joy Herrera, who works in the office of Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan.

We're not sure if Noynoy's former girlfriend, GMA 7 newscaster Bernadette Sembrano, knows about the new "girl" in her ex-boyfriend's life. We don't even know if Bernadette knows Joy personally. But a Senate reporter told us that when Bernadette was in the Senate last Monday to interview Joker Arroyo, she and Joy saw each other in the fifth floor corridor.

"What a coincidence," said our source.

Cafe opens again

A NEW Cafe de Malate has opened at 2159 Madre Ignacia St. near the corner of Quirino Avenue.

Bobby Velasco, owner of Cafe de Malate, said he was offering discounts on food and drinks and free appetizers to loyal patrons and friends to celebrate its return.

"This is one way of saying thanks to friends who have remained loyal to us for the last 19 years," he said.

The old cafe on Leon Guinto Street was destroyed by fire about five months ago.

The new cafe sits on a 1,200-meter lot and has a floor area of 800 meters.

It has an outdoor cafe in addition to the Coffee Shop, Piano Bar, function room and music rooms.

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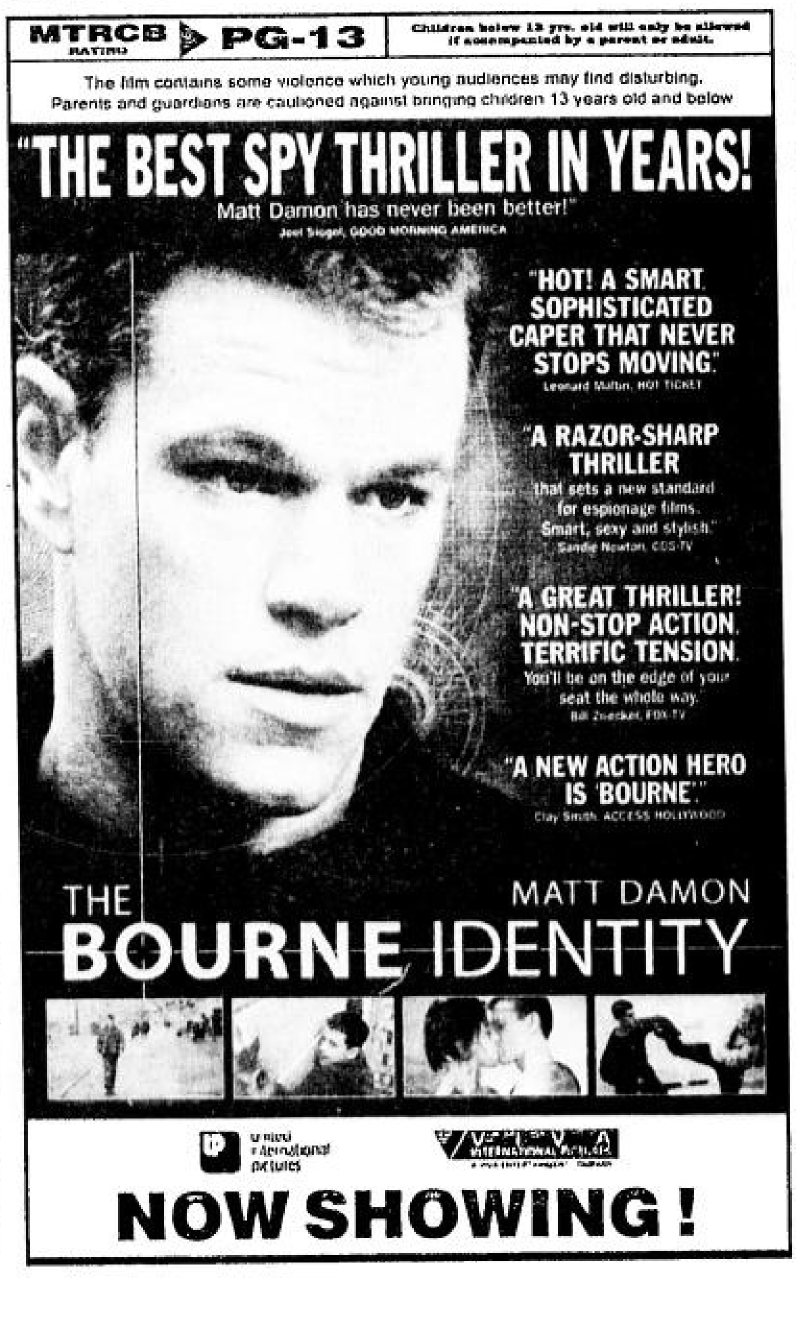

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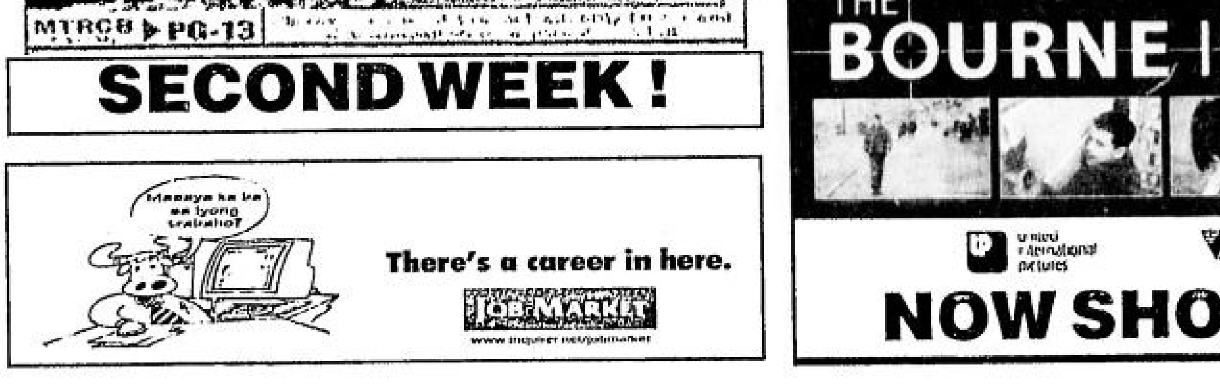

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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

THE 'GUY' is back, and ABS-CBN has got her in "Bituin" the soap.

'Weakest Link' cuts budget; Allan K quits

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

ALLAN K resigned as host of the the Viva-TV game show "The Weakest Link" after only two months.

According to his manager, Jun Nardo, Allan no longer renewed his contract for another season of the game show due to budget problems.

Viva-TV was said to have reduced the budget for the game show, which would be aired once a week starting October.

Allan was being asked to tape once a month for his new contract.

Jun, however, refuted the talk that Allan resigned because of weak ratings or low commercial load. Jun said they even bargained with Viva-TV through supervising producer Jonathan Aligada. But the negotiations fell through.

"When that happened, we resigned," said Jun.

He said they rejected the new contract for Allan because the budget was rather low for a once-weekly show.

Allan's last taping day for "The Weakest Link" was on Aug. 24. The game show is now airing replays, according to Jun.

"I don't know what their other plans for the show are," he added.

Allan took over from Edu Manzano in hosting "The Weakest Link" last July after Edu's contract with Viva-TV expired. It appears that Edu's shoes proved to be too big for him.

Nora's 'Bituin'

AFTER "Ang Makulay na Daigdig ni Nora," superstar Nora Aunor has not been seen in another TV drama series.

On Sept. 23, the ABS-CBN tele-series "Bituin" will usher the much-awaited return of Nora to TV drama.

In the premiere, the superstar is joined by a powerful supporting cast in a story about two generations bound by friendship, strengthened by trials and ruined by ambition.

For the first time, Nora works with young singer-actress Carol Banawa.

Carol considers it a dream come true to work with Nora in a major TV project.

"She's my mom's favorite star," Carol says. "*Ipinaglihi ako ni* Mommy *kay* Nora."

Cherie Gil plays the contravida.

Completing the cast are Desiree del Valle, Michael de Mesa, Celia Rodriguez, Ronaldo Valdez, Carlo Muñoz, Jessa Zaragoza, Gardo Versoza, Efren Reyes Jr., Ricardo Cepeda, Emilio Garcia, Frank Garcia and Geff Rodriguez.

Three certified Noranians are directing "Bituin"—Wenn Deramas, who megged the soaps "Mula sa Puso," "Saan Ka Man Naroroon" and "Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan"; John-D Lazatin, the resident director of "Maalaala Mo Kaya" and of the recent Kristine Hermosa-Jericho Rosales movie, "Forevermore"; and Malu Sevilla who directs the youth-oriented weekly series, "Tabing Ilog."

Veteran scriptwriter Ricky Lee, who has given Nora several memorable movie roles, is the creative manager of the tele-series. Keiko Aquino heads the writer's pool which also has Shugo Praico and Delfin Ilao.

"Bituin" replaces "Pangako sa 'Yo," whose winding plot ends this week.

New dimension

CHERIE Gil says it's a "struggle" to breathe life to a contravida role on TV.

In "Bituin," she plays Carmela, a diva in the '80s who desperately wants to revive her singing career. But her obsession with fame will eventually cause her downfall and change her from being a dreamer to a greedy, ambitious singer.

"With the soap formula, we are limited to the black and white, no gray characters," Cherie says. "That's why it's a struggle for me. It's difficult to give shades to the character."

She vows, however, to be different from the stereotype villain.

"It depends on how the dialog is delivered," says Cherie, who immortalized the line "You're nothing but a second-rate, trying hard copycat" in "Bituing Walang Ningning" with Sharon Cuneta.

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By Seymour Barros Sanchez, *Contributor*

FOREIGN films, the non-Hollywood types, are not only for the wealthy elite and the intellectuals.

Most of my acquaintances were recently turned off by the relatively steep price they had to pay to watch Cinemanila 2002 entries and by the idea of not knowing what to expect once inside the ArtFilm Greenbelt cinemas or the UP Film Center. I still find it difficult to convince them to accompany me to watch movies with English subtitles. In these hard times, not a few of my colleagues would rather buy food or something for their cell phones than risk their money on a movie that was not recommended by their favorite film critic or a friend.

Fortunately, there are still some foreign institutions that screen movies from their country for free, like the Japan Foundation Manila Office (JFMO). In cooperation with Shangri-La Plaza, MCO Foundation, and the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), the JFMO recently sponsored another staging of the Eiga Sai filmfest, the second time they have done so this year, and gave movie lovers another opportunity to watch Japanese romantic comedies and family dramas and to accustom themselves to the Japanese culture, without charging any admission fee.

Regal and Viva

"Nabbie's Love" (Nabbie no Koi) revolves around Nabbie, 79, who is married to Keitatsu but still yearns for the return of her one true love, Sun Ra. Nabbie's husband knows the secret of her teenage romance since he comforted her after Sun Ra was banished from their island almost 60 years ago. Nanako, their granddaughter, comes back from Tokyo to be with her secretive grandparents.

The flashback scenes were shot in an entirely humorous way, reminiscent of Charlie Chaplin and other silent films. However, the musical number at the end finale is quite irritating, with almost all characters singing one by one. It reminds me of an '80s movie with several Regal babies, or some teeny-bopper Viva stars making a noontime variety show out of a film in the end.

"Tomorrow" (Ashita) is a serious take on the lives of ordinary people in Nagasaki a day before the US dropped the atomic bomb on Aug. 9, 1945. Average folk attend to their daily business, unmindful of the terrible nuclear attack that will soon hit them.

If the Ben Affleck-starrer "Pearl Harbor" portrayed the Americans as poor innocent victims, this turns the tables on them, depicting the Japanese as hapless casualties of World War II. As US President Bush girds for another foolish battle against Iraq, this movie is a timely reminder that in war, no country can rightfully claim victory.

Weaklings

Perhaps the best film among this Eiga Sai batch is the up-tempo "Adrenaline Drive" (Adorenarin Doraibu). This sly action-comedy follows two weaklings, a rental car employee and a bespectacled nurse, who are forced to team up with each other as they run away from a yakuza mobster and a bunch of teenage gangsters. Suzuki and Shizuko, who are carrying a briefcase of blood-soaked cash, provide cause for hilarity and non-stop excitement as they flee from the robbers whom they ironically robbed of their money in the first place.

It's refreshing to see that when the duo temporarily escapes from their tormentors and stay in a hotel for some time, there isn't even a single sex scene involved.

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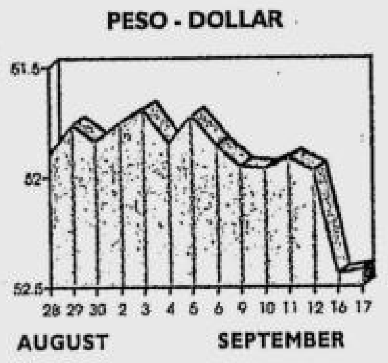

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Shares end slightly higher

THE MAIN share index closed with a marginal gain in a mixed session yesterday on foreign demand for blue chips SM Prime and Meralco, traders said.

The 30-company Philippine Stock Exchange Index ended up 2.41 points, or 0.2 percent, at 1,162.53, adding to Monday's 0.4 percent gain. The main index has now risen 5.9 percent since Sept. 4.

Foreign buying bolstered index issues SM Prime, up 10 centavos, or 1.7 percent, at P5.90, and Manila Electric "B," up P1.50, or 4.8 percent, at P33.

SM Prime continues to generate interest following the purchase by the mall operator's owner, Henry Sy, of a 6.2-percent stake in food and drink group San Miguel. There are speculations the purchase would lead to a strategic alliance between the two companies.

BPI Securities stocks analyst Roberto Cano said most punters still favored San Miguel, taking the cue from SM Investments, which bought a 6.2-percent stake in San Miguel as part of its investment strategy.

SM Investments is a firm allied to mall developer SM Prime Holdings Inc. "SM group's investment was not only a vote of confidence in San Miguel but also on the Philippine economy," Cano said.

Meralco rose after reports that the government was pushing for the sale of its 10-percent stake in the country's largest power distributor soon.

Decliners led gainers 22 to 19, while 44 issues were unchanged as some investors cashed in on recent gains, traders said. "There weren't that many buyers in the market today since demand for stocks has tapered off after recent gains," said KGI Securities trader Lawrence de Leon.

Market sentiment, however, has improved following positive news yesterday that Iraq is willing to open its doors anew to weapons inspection team from the United Nations, he said.

AP, Reuters

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE NEW chief of the Bureau of Internal Revenue yesterday issued an ultimatum to the 600 corporate taxpayers discovered to have "grossly underdeclared" their sales output in their 2001 tax returns.

Revenue Commissioner Guillermo Parayno Jr. gave the firms 30 days to pay the taxes corresponding to the underdeclared value added tax (VAT) levels and another 15 days to make full disclosures for years 2000, 2001 and the first semester of 2002 under the Voluntary Assessment and Abatement Program (VAAP).

"Rectify your underdeclarations now and pay the correct taxes or face the consequences," Parayno warned the firms.

The VAT underdeclarations were earlier estimated to have reached P10 billion.

Parayno said the BIR had solid pieces of evidence against the 600 firms based on customer records of purchases and the tax returns on file with the bureau's Integrated Tax System.

"They can check the records with us if they want," Parayno said. "We have the evidence."

He said the BIR would be ready to file charges against the companies should the firms refuse to comply with his directive. Under Revenue Regulations No. 12, the BIR should give taxpayers the opportunity to correct their errors before being slapped with the corresponding charges.

In anticipation that a number of the erring companies might not heed the BIR's ultimatum, Parayno said the BIR was now collating the pieces of documentary evidence to be forwarded to the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel and the Department of Justice for prosecution after a 30-day period.

Enforcement teams are also being formed to shut down the establishments who would not follow the BIR directive, he said.

"This is merely the tip of the iceberg. The computerized identification of (companies underdeclaring their taxes) is a continuous system processing and ever expanding database and (it is) churning up more and more names," Parayno said.

Parayno stressed that the VAAP system of VAT assessment was not only for those who have been identified by the computer system and have been sent letter notices.

He encouraged concerned taxpayers to avail themselves of the program to be able to make voluntary disclosures and payments rather than wait for the system to tag them as tax cheats. The BIR chief assured better treatment to enterprises which would voluntary come out with the disclosures.

Group accuses SSS of violating accounting rules

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE PHILIPPINE Association of Retired Persons has accused the Social Security System management of spending more than what its charter allowed and hiding it through an accounting sleight of hand in its annual report.

PARP national president Amado F. Cabaero told the INQUIRER that the SSS had "understated its expenses and overstated its profits" in 2001 to avoid exceeding the statutory limits on administrative and operational expenses pegged at 12 percent of total contributions and 3 percent of other revenues. Cabaero likened SSS' financial reporting to the Enron and Worldcom scandal where management hid their companies' wobbly conditions with rosy accounting reports.

For example, Cabaero questioned why the SSS deducted the P6.678 billion in allowance for probable losses in interest directly from the asset account of P8.028 billion in interest receivables in 2001.

Cabaero claimed that the SSS charter did not authorize the deduction of expenses from related income accounts to avoid exceeding the statutory limits. "Clearly, this is a deliberate attempt by the SSS to understate their expenses to stay within

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ONLINE STOCK INFO SYSTEM

President Macapagal-Arroyo leads officials of the Philippine Stock Exchange, headed by its president Ernest Leung (middle), in formally launching "OdiSy" (Online Disclosure System) on Monday at the Manila Peninsula Hotel in Makati City. OdiSy is an online messaging system aimed at a faster and more efficient dissemination of information to market participants. Under the system, listed companies will be required to submit their disclosures via the Internet using a standard electronic format. Also in photo is Ed Ocampo, a PSE staff.

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Bayantel confident on debt deal with creditors this year

By Abigail L. Ho

CASH-STRAPPED Bayan Telecommunications Inc. said it was confident it could reach an agreement with its creditors within the year for the restructuring of some $477 million worth of debts.

Bayantel chief finance officer Gary Olivar said in an interview yesterday that discussions with the company's creditors have gone beyond general items to more specific ones.

"We've moved on to specific terms of the term sheet. We're done with the generalities. I believe this is an indication that we're making progress. We're in the process of reaching an eventual agreement with both our secured and unsecured creditors," he told the INQUIRER.

Bayantel late last year sought the write-off of 25 percent of its unsecured debts as well as 18 months worth of interest charges starting Jan. 19, 2001.

About $226 million of Bayantel's debts are unsecured.

The loan restructuring terms submitted last year was drafted by Bayantel's former financial adviser, Bank of America Asia Ltd. This also incorporated the findings of Arthur D. Little, the independent auditor that its creditor-banks appointed.

Bayantel asked that the maturity of its debts be stretched to 15 years with a five-year grace period on principal payments. It proposed interest rates of one percentage point over the three-month London interbank offered rate (Libor) for dollar-denominated debts and one percentage point over the 91-day treasury bill rate for peso-denominated loans.

In March, Bayantel's creditors issued its proposal to the firm but no agreement had been reached yet. Olivar said this was because the company replaced its financial adviser in early June.

But the company's current adviser, Credit Lyonnais Securities Asia, had already reviewed this proposal and meetings with the company's creditors had now resumed and were making much progress, he said.

"We used to hold meetings with our creditors only when necessary but now we have regular weekly meetings with them. I think this represents measurable progress," Olivar said.

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First E-Bank Corp.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	24,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	34.5	35	34.5	34.5	111,200
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FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	20,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1180	1190	1180	1190	490
Sun Life Financial Serv.	905	905	905	905	3,180
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	24	24.25	24	24	11,100
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.55	0.55	0.54	0.54	330,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	525	525	520	520	9,360
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.031	0.031	0.029	0.029	3,400,000
Ism Communications Corp.	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	100,000
Piltel	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	130,000
Philstar.Com Inc.	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	20,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	305	305	300	302.5	153,780
Ivantage Corp.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	100,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.012	0.012	0.011	0.011	3,200,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	18.75	19.25	18.75	19	12,700
Manila Electric Co. B	31.5	33	31.5	33	504,800
Petron Corp.	1.62	1.64	1.62	1.64	1,346,000
Salcon Power Corp. 1.74	1.74	1.74	1.74		7,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.5	2.5	2.48	2.48	662,000
Negros Navigation Co. Inc.	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	140,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	10,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Alsons Cement Corp.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	50,000
Republic Cement Corp.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	120,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.12	2.16	2.12	2.14	74,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	14	14	13.75	14	161,500
RFM Corp.	0.83	0.93	0.83	0.9	700,000
San Miguel Corp. A	53	53	52.5	52.5	195,100
San Miguel Corp. B	57	57.5	56.5	56.5	845,700
Universal Robina Corp.	4	4	3.9	3.9	76,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	100,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.43	0.44	0.4	0.4	100,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	0.43	0.43	0.42	0.42	30,000
Ayala Corp.	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	4,874,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.42	2.42	2.4	2.42	1,616,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	10,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.6	72,000
Baguio Gold Holdings Corp.	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	10,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	260,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.25	0.27	0.25	0.27	3,640,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	128,000
First Phil Hldgs. Corp.	14.25	14.5	14.25	14.25	367,700
House of Investments Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	100,000
Ionics Inc.	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	26,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	136,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.58	0.58	0.57	0.58	3,570,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	40,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	3,280,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	200,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co.	0.034	0.034	0.034	0.034	100,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	200,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	20,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Matsushita Elec Phil Corp.	6	6	6	6	7,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.56	0.58	0.56	0.58	570,000
Pryce Corp.	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	900,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	7.9	8	7.9	7.9	18,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.38	600,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	10,000
Mondragon Intl Phils. Inc.	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	50,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	24.5	24.5	24	24	898,300
DMCI Holdings Inc.-Pref.	775	775	775	775	500
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	4	4	4	4	4,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	5.9	6	5.9	5.9	1,498,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	90,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.175	0.175	580,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.16	1.18	1.16	1.16	4,502,000
Highlands Prime Inc.	1.92	1.94	1.92	1.94	600,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	2,500,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	160,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.52	1.52	1:52	1.52	9,000
SM Development Corp.	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.04	494,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	10,445,000
MINING					
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	1.2	1.2	1.14	1.14	1,022,000
Omico Corp.	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	10,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	70,000
OIL					
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	2,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	20,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	2,724,110	115,684,825.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	34,296,540	198,239,875.00
PRO	20,878,000	77,712,100.00
Mining	11,092,000	1,212,100.00
OIL	2,020,000	8,400.00
GRAND TOTALS:	71,162,650	393,244,050.00
AVERAGES		
Banks & Fin Svc	453.43	UP 0.32
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,590.08	UP 0.88
PRO	529.43	UP 4.84
Mining	1,141.51	DOWN 4.89
OIL	1.37	UP 0.01
All Shares Index	644.56	UP 1.51
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Singapore	Dollar	0.579716	0.561861	29.4707
Australia	Dollar	0.565730	0.548306	28.7597
Bahrain	Dinar	2.736959	2.652661	139.1374
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.275141	0.266667	13.9872
Brunei	Dollar	0.578092	0.560287	29.3882
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000115	0.000111	0.0058
Thailand	Baht	0.023856	0.023121	1.2127
UAE	Dirham	0.280924	0.272272	14.2812
Korea	Won	0.000852	0.000826	0.0433
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New Zealand	Dollar	0.485565	0.470610	24.6844
Norway	Kroner	0.136227	0.132031	6.9253
Pakistan	Rupee	0.017458	0.016920	0.8875
South Africa	Rand	0.096444	0.093474	4.9029
Sweden	Kroner	0.109947	0.106561	5.5893
Syria	Pound	0.023343	0.022624	1.1867
Taiwan	NT Dollar	0.029777	0.028860	1.5138
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000703	0.000681	0.0357

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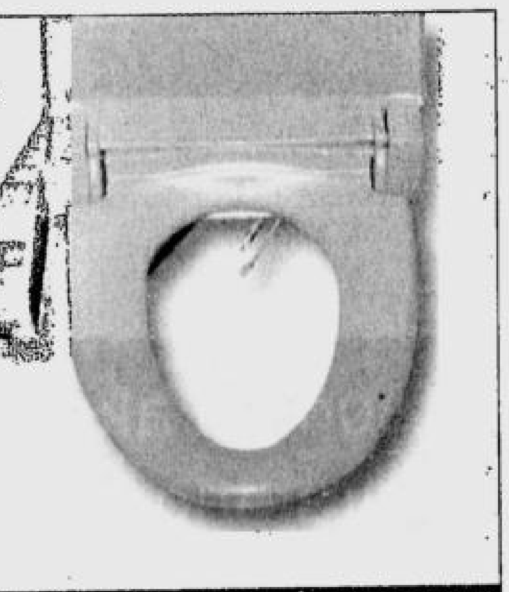

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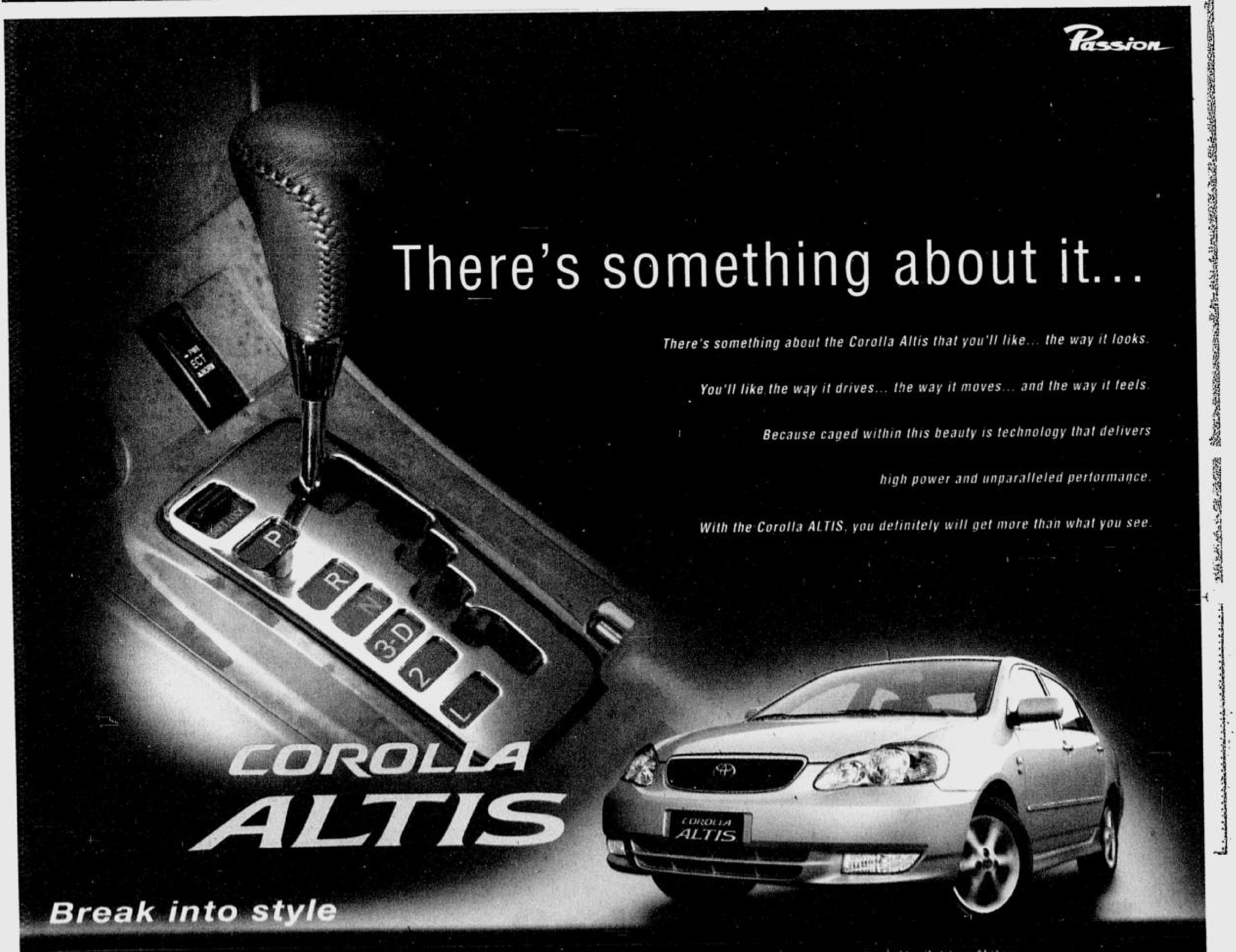

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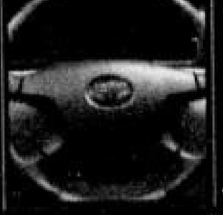

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Ayala expects savings from reorganization

By Doris C. Dumlao

POSITIONING itself for long-term growth, Ayala Corp. recently completed its organizational restructuring that called for a 40-percent reduction in its workforce and was expected to yield a yearly savings of P100 million.

Ayala Corp. president and CEO Jaime Zobel de Ayala said during a road show presentation that the conglomerate had completed the reorganization of its holding company in the first half of the year, which was implemented along with a program to reduce its debt stock.

"By closely examining our work process and activities, and after exploring outsourcing options, we have managed to compress our organization from 11 divisions and roughly 200 staff to only five divisions with 40 percent fewer employees," Zobel de Ayala said.

He said the company had also formalized the setting up of AC Capital structure and that its management team was now firmly in place.

AC Capital is a division of the company created to manage its domestic unlisted subsidiaries and non-strategic assets with a combined book value of about $200 million. This, however, does not include core units Bank of the Philippine Islands, Globe Telecoms and Ayala Land Inc.

He said the restructuring of the holding company would enable the company to focus its corporate strategy, which was expected to result in a stronger value proposition for the medium- and long-term.

"This involves a more active management of our portfolio and the allocation of our capital, willingness to harvest value from our investments when appropriate, and a greater focus on business building at opportune moments," he said.

Ayala likewise aims to further strengthen its balance sheet by reducing debts. In the last two years, Zobel de Ayala said the conglomerate had pared down its consolidated debts by P15.5 billion, bringing down its net debt-to-equity ratio to 0.61 to 1.

"We have been able to capitalize on our strong credit standing and have been able to negotiate favorable terms in refinancing some of our remaining obligations, with lower rates and an extended and well spread out maturity profile," he said.

"At the parent level, we have successfully brought down our maturing loans in the next two years to about $150 million, which we are comfortable with, especially as we have committed credit facilities in place. These committed facilities will also allow us to be more comfortable with maintaining lower cash levels, thus minimizing our negative carry," he said.

In the first half of the year, Ayala Corp. posted a net income of P2.5 billion, 4-percent higher than last year's level on lower refinancing charges and improving economic environment.

Asean seen forging free trade alliance with Japan

THE PHILIPPINES and other Asean countries are keen on forging a free trade alliance with Japan ahead of similar trading blocs being negotiated with China and Australia-New Zealand.

In a statement issued following the closing of the 34th Asean Economic Ministers Meeting, Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II said there was a strong clamor among Asean members to forge closer economic partnership that could include elements of a free trade area (FTA).

Roxas said there was a consensus among Asean members that the Asean-Japan FTA should be realized as soon as possible (preferably in less than 10 years) because of complementary relationship between Asean countries and Japan. "Philippine agricultural products, for example, do not pose a direct threat to the agricultural sector of Japan. They are our potential market," Roxas said.

A government source said Japan had stepped up its negotiations for closer trade alliance with Asean countries on concerns that it would lose out in the trade war if China beats it in hammering out an FTA with Asean. Japan had been cool to an Asean FTA when China had not yet showed interest in forging an alliance with Asean.

In contrast, an Asean-China FTA was less than a snug fit considering that both sides practically have the same type of exports.

For example, in the negotiations for the early harvest program (wherein both sides would open up their market to specific goods ahead of a formal FTA), China wanted to limit Asean exports to agricultural products (which account for only a fraction of total exports to China) while Asean wanted China to import more of the region's industrial goods.

Also, a number of Asean countries, such as the Philippines, Malaysia, and Vietnam, want the Asean-China FTA to start by 2012 or 2014 and not in 2010 as China insisted because this would coincide with the full implementation of the Asean Free Trade Area-Common Effective Preferential Tariff (Asean-Afta). On the proposed Closer Economic Partnership proposed by Australia and New Zealand with Asean, Roxas said nearly all Asean members addressed the same concerns aired by the Philippines on Australia's non-tariff barriers. "I was pleasantly surprised because I thought I would be fighting a lonely battle against Australia's non-tariff barriers."

Philippine fruit exports such as pineapples and bananas have been the victims of Australia's harsh sanitary and phytosanitary standards that the government had vigorously opposed in recent months.

"We have to continue working for better market access for our products but at the same time, we also have to forge various kinds of economic alliances with them," Roxas said. He noted that since New Zealand was a net exporter, it was consuming only 10 percent of the food products it was producing. Asean entrepreneurs could tie up with businessmen in New Zealand to produce goods and services for other markets. ***Gil C.***

Tariff cuts failed to attract investments, Tañada says

FORMER Sen. Wigberto Tañada, lead convenor of the Fair Trade Alliance (FTA), said that the tariff cuts under the Asean Free Trade Area-Common Effective Preferential Tariffs (Afta-CEPT) did not result in a significant inflow of foreign direct investments to Asean countries, contrary to claims of the US Asean Business Council and some local economists.

Tañada quoted a recent study commissioned by the Japan Center for Economic Research as saying that "the trade and foreign investment effects of Afta have not been as strong as the theory of a free trade area predicts."

The study, authored by Tran Van Tho, professor of economics at the Waseda University in Tokyo, noted that while Intra-Asean trade had expanded, Asean trade with non-partner countries in East Asia had expanded at a higher rate.

The study, titled "Afta in the Dynamic Perspective of Asian Trade," also presented foreign investments figures that showed that Afta was not the decisive factor that determined foreign direct investments flows. "In fact, foreign direct investments expanded in the Asean before the establishment of Afta and its growth remained stagnant in the late 1990s, the period characterized by both the substantial implementation of the CEPT scheme and the financial crisis," the paper said.

Ernest Bower, president of the US Asean Business Council, and local economist and former National Economic and Development Authority head Cayetano Paderanga earlier claimed that the reduction of tariffs pursuant to Afta-CEPT schedules would increase foreign investments.

"On the contrary, the accelerated Afta-CEPT tariff reductions, coupled with the Neda's unilateral MFN tariff reduction program, deterred investments (inflow) into the Philippines. Why would local or foreign firms invest billions of pesos in the Philippines if they would just be undermined by unfairly traded imports," Tañada said.

"The current tariff reduction programs, that do not enhance but destroy the productive capacity of the Philippines, are anti-investment,

BCDA bonds downgraded

PHILIPPINE Rating Services Corp. has downgraded its rating for state-owned Bases Conversion Development Authority's P1.2 billion worth of outstanding bonds to PRS Baa from PRS A.

The PRS Baa rating indicates that BCDA's bonds are neither highly protected nor poorly secured and that interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time.

In a statement, Philratings said that in setting its rating, it considered BCDA's current weak earning generation and difficulties in receivable collection resulting in reduced cash flows compared to original targets.

Philratings also noted that the sluggish demand for industrial and commercial properties might hinder BCDA's planned asset disposition programs.

BCDA is currently dependent on a few major lessees, including CJH Development Corp., a Fil-Estate subsidiary developing Camp John Hay in Baguio City, and the Manila International Airport Authority.

However, CJHDC has failed to pay the appropriate annual lease to BCDA while MIAA and the bases conversion firm have been entangled in a lease contract dispute.

Philratings explained that it had kept BCDA's rating at investment grade level given the company's conservative capital structure, access to official development assistance from foreign aid and multilateral agencies with favorable funding cost and maturity profile and large portfolio of properties supported by existing and proposed infrastructure. ***Elena R. Torrijos***

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Monetary Board eases agri-agra law

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE POLICY-MAKING Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has accepted loans extended by banks to the National Food Authority as compliance to the agri-agra law.

Presidential Decree 717, also known as the agri-agra law, requires banks to set aside a quarter of their loan portfolios for the agriculture and agrarian reform sectors.

In a circular, the Monetary Board said it would accept as compliance with the agri-agra law loans extended to the NFA.

The board, however, said the NFA would have to certify that the money was used for palay procurements obtained through direct or indirect arrangements with agrarian reform beneficiaries.

This will be subject to ceilings that the central bank and Department of Finance may impose on loan advances made by banks to the NFA.

Very few banks have been able to comply with the agri-agra law because of the supposedly high risks involved in lending to the agriculture and agrarian reform sectors.

To encourage compliance with the law, government regulators have allowed alternative forms of compliance.

Analysts said most banks would simply prefer to pay the fine slapped by the central bank for violations of the agri-agra law.

"The big banks would rather pay the P3-million fine rather than face the risk of loan defaults," one analyst said.

The analyst said, however, that the mandatory lending requirement and the fine for non-compliance would have more effects on smaller banks, like rural banks, which had a smaller capitalization.

Of the 25-percent mandatory lending under the agri-agra law, 15 percent was required to be allocated for agricultural lending and 10 percent for agrarian reform lending.

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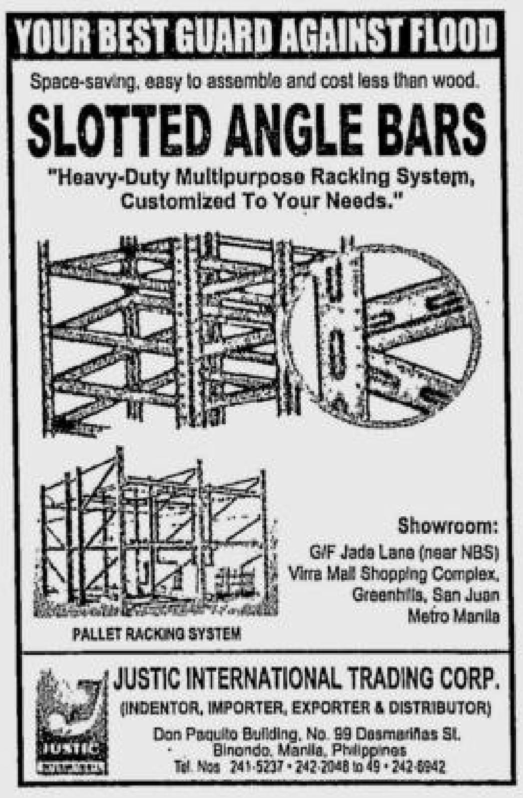

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Phil-Asia CDO made permanent

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has made permanent its cease-and-desist order against Phil-Asia Care Plans Inc. It also ordered the closure of the firm for violating the original CDO.

In an order dated Sept. 3, which was served to Phil-Asia recently, the commission directed Phil-Asia to show cause in 15 days why the company's certificate of registration should not be revoked for violating the country's securities laws.

The SEC's compliance and enforcement department has gathered affidavits of witnesses who allegedly bought pre-need plans from and who paid monthly amortizations to Phil-Asia Care Plans. The department also has the receipts that showed that down payments or amortizations were paid to the company while the CDO was supposedly in effect.

The SEC issued a CDO against Phil-Asia on May 28 this year prohibiting the company, its officers, directors or other representatives from offering or selling pre-need plans and from collecting amortizations as Phil-Asia had no authority to engage in such activities.

Since 1993, Phil-Asia has had no license to act as a pre-need company as it had failed to meet the capital and other requirements of the SEC. It also has had no dealers' license since 1996 and no salesman's permit and no authority to operate a branch.

The company was authorized only to service existing plan holders as of Dec. 23, 1993.

"A careful perusal of the evidence presented shows that Phil-Asia continuously and flagrantly violated the CDO issued by the Commission," the government regulatory agency said in its latest Sept. 3 order.

In line with the new order making the May 28 CDO permanent and ordering the physical closure of Phil-Asia, local Pasig City police padlocked the head office of the company Monday.

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statutory limits which they exceeded," Cabaero said.

Based on his computation, Cabaero said the SSS had exceeded its spending limit by nearly half a billion pesos over the last 2 years—P192 million in 2000 and P259 in 2001.

In her reply to Cabaero's queries on SSS' financial reporting, SSS president and CEO Corazon S. de la Paz said that it had exceeded the budget limit by P89 million based on its 2001 statement but it was well within the spending cap in 2000.

De la Paz blamed the P1.004-billion shortfall in contributions during the year and spending on information technology for excess expenditures in 2001. De la Paz assured Cabaero that the SSS would not exceed its budget limit this year as the pension fund implements measures to improve collections, cut on expenses and review organization structure and branch viability.

But Cabaero said the SSS' excess spending would have been substantially bigger had the pension fund followed the normal accounting procedures.

He questioned why the SSS booked P14.2 billion as an investment income while it did not include the P17.36 billion in allowance for probable losses and market decline in investments as part of operating expenses. Cabaero said the losses were deducted directly from their respective asset accounts that tend to distort the actual operations of the year while.

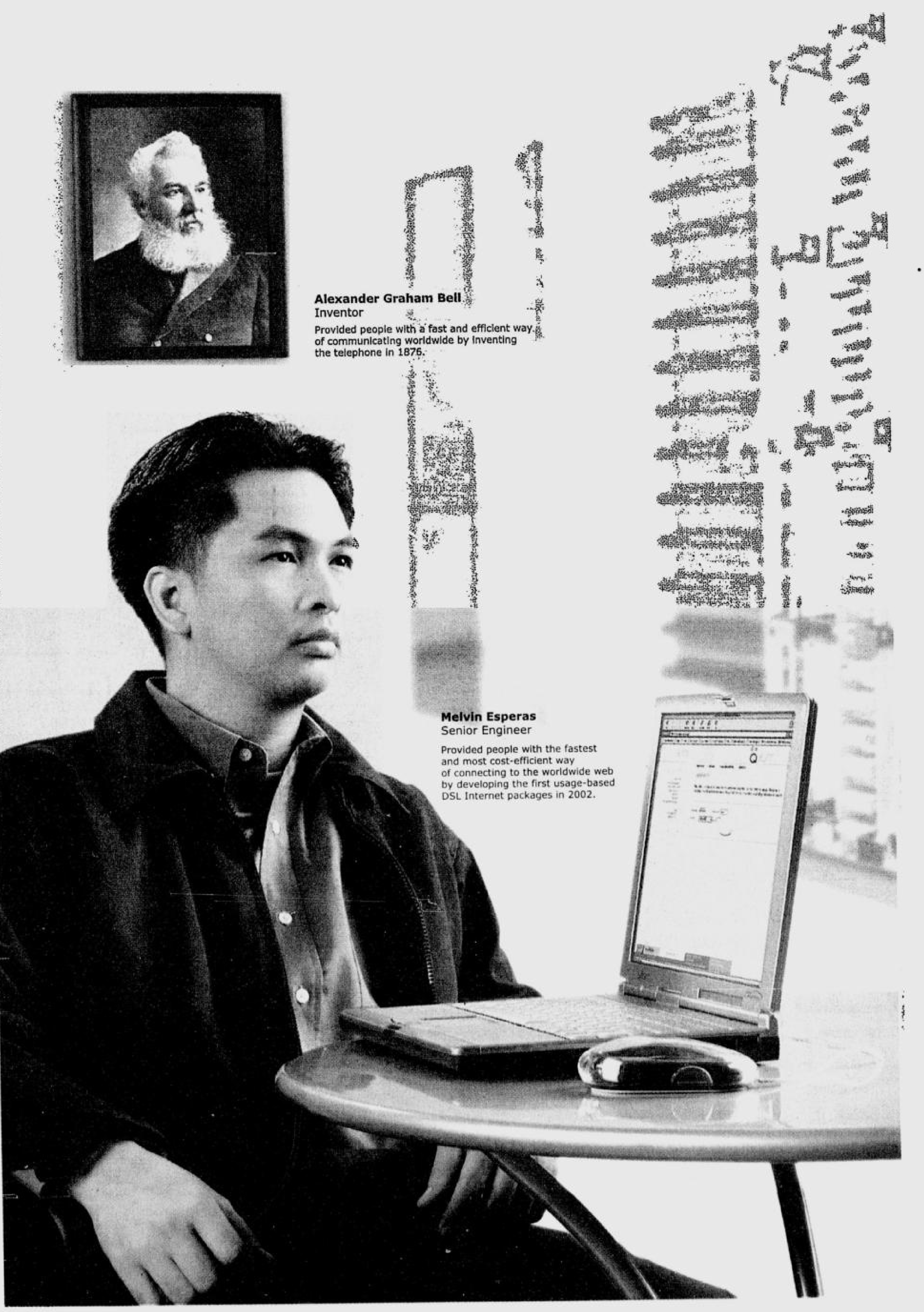
In her reply, De la Paz said the P17.36-billion decline in total assets was accounted for by the P11.48 billion allowance for the decline in value of SSS investments (nearly double the P6.142 billion losses in 2001), payment of P7.4 billion short-term loans from First Metro Investment Corp. and Land Bank of the Philippines, P440 million to suppliers, and P190 million in other liabilities. These were partially offset by the P2.15 billion in revenue in 2001.

De la Paz quoted section 22 of the Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS), which stated that accumulated changes in the valuation allowance for non-current marketable securities shall be included in the equity section of the balance sheet and shown separately.

The same provision stated that this treatment was different from the accounting procedures used in recording and reporting decline in the current portfolios where such declines are recognized as current losses and shown in the income statement.

Cabaero also asked why the SSS had not indicated the current market value of its equity investments (P15.212 billion in Equitable PCIBank and P4.151 billion in Union Bank of the Philippines) despite the drastic drop in value of traded stocks as of end-2001.

"The SSS has not recognized a single investment as lost and accordingly shown it as expense in its income statement. By continuing to hide behind the fallacy that it's a paper loss until a stock is sold, SSS has misstated up its profits and given the impression that all is well with the SSS," Cabaero said.



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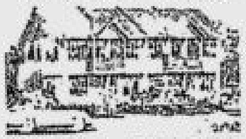

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Steel firms making money, junk dealers insist

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE SCRAP Collector and Recycler Association of the Philippines (Scrap) claimed yesterday that steel makers led by Cathay Pacific Steel Corp. were continuing to rake in the profits and enjoy a huge inventory of scrap metal despite a surge in scrap metal exports in the last two years.

Scrap president Aquino Dy said the financial statements of steel makers belied their claims that they suffered losses and shortage in scrap metal due to a surge in scrap metal since 2000 that they used as a basis for seeking an export ban.

Capasco and other steel makers, including Amalgamated Iron Works Inc., Milwaukee Industries Corp. and SKK Steel Corp., have asked the Department of Trade and Industry to compel scrap metal traders to sell their commodities to local steel makers at pre-determined prices before selling to overseas buyers.

In his presentation to the House committee on trade and industry conducting a probe on the proposed export ban, Dy said financial records filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and Bureau of Internal Revenue showed that the steel makers posted healthy profits when scrap metal exports surged.

Dy also noted that the Philippines had a surplus in scrap metal of 367,137 tons in 2000 and 459,217 tons in 2001 based on the estimated annual scrap output of 591,090 tons versus the steel makers' usage of 223,953 tons in 2000 and 131,873 tons in 2001.

He cited the inventory report of steel makers that showed they had a combined surplus of scrap metal worth P1.419 billion (354,750 tons at P4 a kilo) in 2000 and P1.399 billion (349,000 tons) in 2001.

Scrap has opposed the imposition of an export ban, saying domestic smelters will give them undue advantage in terms of "artificially low priced inputs" that will only serve to boost their profits at the expense of other industries and the public.

The group said frontline scrap collectors would suffer the brunt of a price depression because they would be forced to sell at prices dictated by the buyers.

Dy said the steel makers did not need an export ban considering their "home court advantage," as foreign buyers had to add P1.19 to P1.71 a kilo for transport costs.

UNILEVER global chair Antony Burgmans (center) was keynote speaker of the joint conference of the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines and the Makati Business Club. Others in the picture are (from left): Selecta Walls Inc. managing director John Marie Concepcion, RFM Corp. chair Jose Concepcion Jr., RFM Corp. president Jose Ma. Concepcion and Unilever chair Howard Belton.

Transco upgrades substations

THE NATIONAL Transmission Corp. said yesterday its system in Luzon was made more reliable after two substations in Southern Luzon were upgraded from 230 kilovolts to 500 kV.

Transco Luzon vice president Rex Corpuz said in an interview the upgrades were made in the Tayabas substation in Quezon and in the Dasmariñas substation in Cavite.

"This extended Transco's 500-kV circuit from Labrador in Pangasinan to Dasmariñas," Corpuz said.

He explained that the Tayabas and Dasmariñas substations were part of the main power transmission backbone of Luzon, which extended down south only up to the San Jose substation in Bulacan.

Chinatrust to double deposits with new product

By Elena R. Torrijos

CHINATRUST (Philippines) Commercial Bank Corp. aims to double its current and savings account deposits from P1.25 billion to P2.5 billion in the next 12 months through a new deposit product launched yesterday.

Called "Ultimate Deposit Account," the new product is an "all-in-one" account wherein the depositor can lock in on relatively high deposit rates and still avail of the convenience of a checking account.

Chinatrust also offers an automatic "bonus rate" for "Ultimate" accounts untouched for a given period.

Chinatrust Philippines president Joey Bermudez expressed confidence the bank's net income would easily surpass P400 million by the end of the year given that it had already recorded profits of over P310 million in the first six months alone.

The bank targeted a full-year net income of P370 million early this year.

It reported earlier that it posted a 166-percent surge in net income to P310.88 million in the first six months of the year on significant trading and investment gains coupled with prudent spending.

Chinatrust started rolling out unique and need-focused retail banking products and services in the second quarter with the introduction of a one-of-a-kind housing loan promo in April that offered zero interest on the last five years of a 15-year loan among other incentives.

Bermudez said the housing loan promo, called "Five@Zero," generated almost P600 million in new loans as of end-July, and bookings were expected to reach P1 billion by year-end.

Total loans of Chinatrust expanded by more than P1 billion to P9 billion as of end-June, a 14-percent jump from the P8 billion recorded as of end-2001. The bank managed to keep its non-performing loans at 7.9 percent of total loans despite the aggressive expansion in consumer loans.

PLDT to use internal cash to service debts until 2004

LOCAL telecom giant Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. has said internally generated cash will be enough to cover half its financing requirements until 2004, ruling out a return to the global debt market.

In a presentation during the Philippine Stock Exchange's road show on Monday, chief financial consultant Chris Young said PLDT had raised enough funds to extend its debt maturities, completing the first phase of its "liability management program."

He said PLDT was now in the second phase of the exercise, which would focus on reducing its overall indebtedness by $650 million through increased cash flows from the operations and dividends of its wireless unit, Smart Communications Inc.

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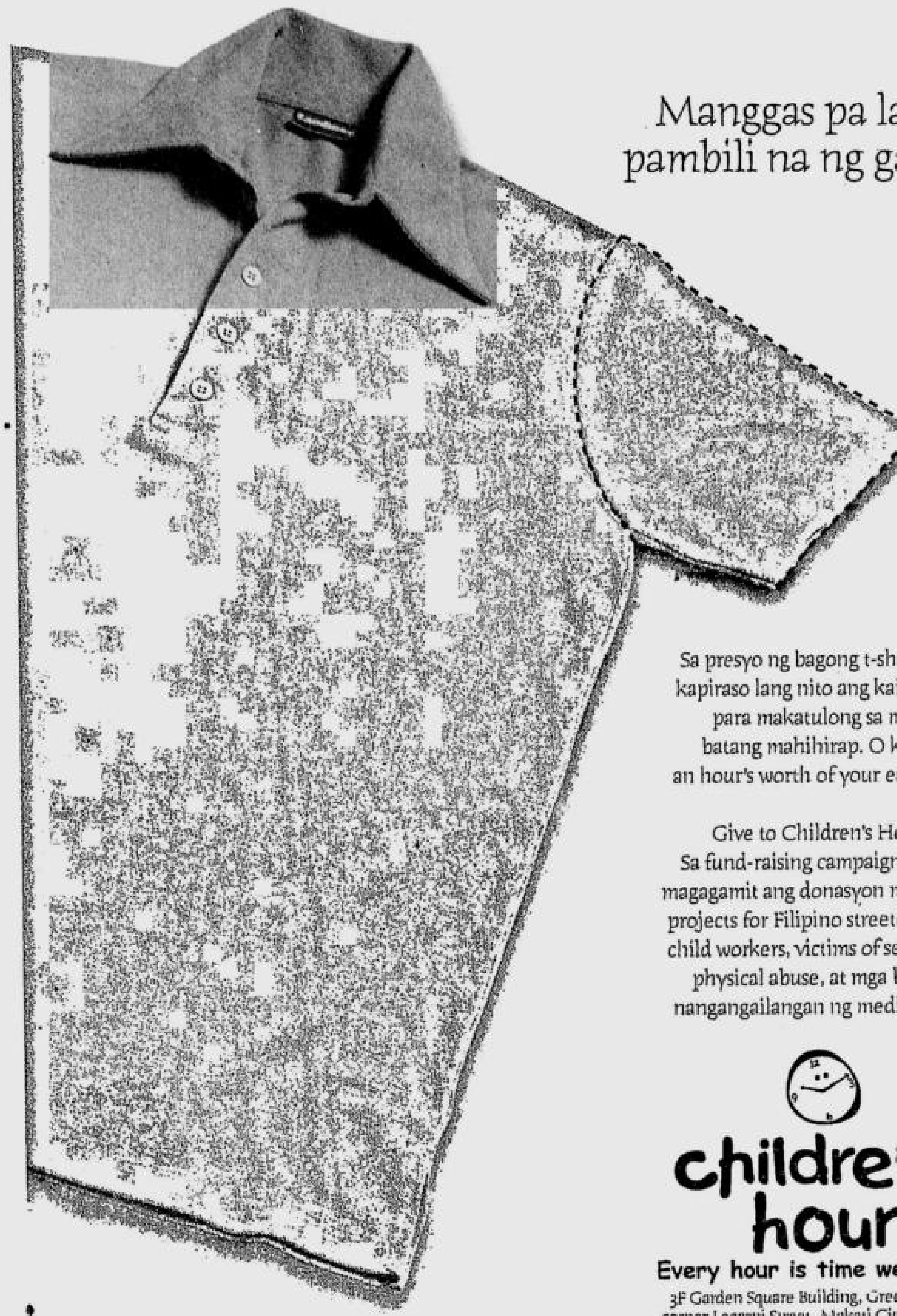

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US economy to grow by 3%, can afford war

PORTLAND, Maine—Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said the United States can afford to take action against Iraq, and predicted the economy will be growing at a rate of 3 percent to 3.5 percent by year's end.

Speaking at the kickoff of a two-day swing through New England and New York, O'Neill said the US economy has suffered through a recession, the terrorist attacks and corporate fraud, but could be in far worse shape. The economic growth rate in the spring was an anemic 1.1 percent.

But interest rates remain at historic lows, inflation is low, new home and car sales are strong, and retail sales are improving, he said.

"It is not a rocket's red glare into the sunset with astronomical rates of real growth," he said. "But it's a bumpy road to improvement."

O'Neill started his day at the Eastland Park Hotel, where he addressed about 200 members of the Greater Portland Chambers of Commerce.

O'Neill spoke for about 20 minutes before taking questions ranging from the stock market's dismal performance to how the state's forest products industry can be rejuvenated.

He said the US government should be able to run at a surplus with 3 to 3.5 percent annual economic growth. Even when the economy's growing at a rate of 0 percent to 1 percent, the government should not have a deficit, he said.

There will be a deficit this year, however, because of the recession and additional government spending on national and homeland security after the Sept. 11 attacks, he said.

Still, O'Neill said the United States can shoulder the costs of taking action against Iraq: "Whatever it is that's decided to be done, we will succeed and we can afford it."

Lawrence Lindsey, head of the White House's National Economic Council, said in Monday's Wall Street Journal that he estimates waging war against Iraq could cost the United States as much as $200 billion.

From Portland, O'Neill traveled to New Hampshire to address the Nashua Chamber of Commerce and tour GT Equipment Technologies in Nashua. On Tuesday, O'Neill was scheduled to open the New York Stock Exchange and attend a conference before traveling to Connecticut. ***AP***

Europeans warn Iraq war may hit economic recovery

SALZBURG, Austria—War with Iraq would undermine the shaky confidence of European consumers and businesses and could dim the outlook for economic recovery, European Union finance ministers said on Monday.

Italy voiced concern over the damage that a prolonged conflict could do and German and Belgian ministers warned higher oil prices and weaker confidence were burdens that their region, whose recovery has already faltered, could ill-afford to bear.

"It has already been quite resilient to a series of shocks...you do not know what another shock would do," Germany's Deputy Finance Minister Caio Koch-Weser told the Europe World Economic Forum in this historic Austrian city.

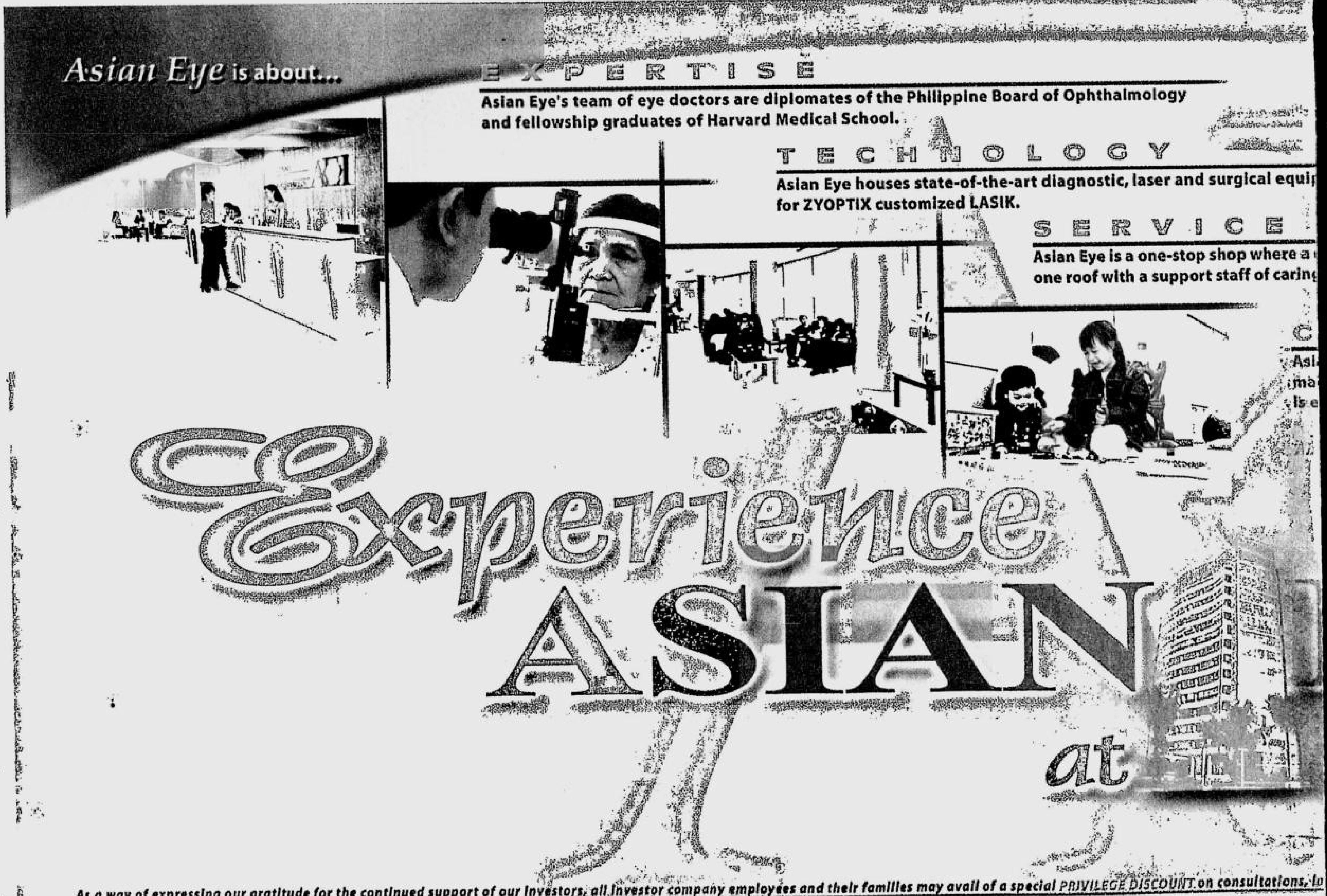
The United States and Britain argue action is needed to neutralize Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. Rome basically sides with US President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair and favors intervention if Baghdad ignores the United Nations.

But Paris opposes unilateral action and in Berlin, the government of social democrat Gerhard Schroeder has made keeping German troops out of a war key to its reelection campaign.

Financial markets see action as inevitable and Italian Vice Minister of Economy and Finance Mario Baldassarrio summarized the mood of uncertainty.

"It depends not upon the war, but what kind of war it is. Is it short and successful or is it long and less successful. This is the real question for the world economy," he said during the two-day meeting of business leaders and policymakers here.

Analysts say the accumulated damage of stock market losses after the world slowdown last year, and the fallout from accounting scandals in the United States, had left the world economy in a highly fragile state. ***Reuters***



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Stocks, dollar surge after Iraq bows to UN

SINGAPORE—Global stock markets and the dollar surged on Tuesday and oil and bond prices slid after Iraq agreed to re-admit arms inspectors without conditions, bowing to a US threat of military action that had made investors uneasy.

US equity futures jumped 2 percent and Tokyo stocks leapt more than 3 percent after the United Nations said it had received a letter from Iraq opening the doors to UN weapons inspectors, even as fund managers and analysts urged caution over a skeptical response from the White House.

"There are some views that the offer by Iraq is still very much an initial response to US demands and whether the United States will consider attacking later is still an open question," said Steven Lim, a fund manager at Daiwa SB Investments Singapore, which manages about S$500 million ($281.1 million).

"You just can't take it as an end to all worries." Crude prices tumbled more than 4 percent as fears of war in the oil-rich Middle East eased, sending Korean Air Lines and other airline stocks sharply higher in Asia.

Longer-dated US Treasuries fell steeply and gold lost more than $3 an ounce as the attraction of safe-haven investments dimmed.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said Iraq has agreed to re-admit UN weapons inspectors without conditions after a nearly four-year hiatus.

The White House said a UN Security Council resolution requiring that Iraq disarm was still needed, but news of the letter nevertheless pushed up futures for the Standard & Poor's 500 and the Nasdaq 100 indices by 2 percent.

The gains pointed to a stronger open for US equities, though traders questioned the sustainability of any rally.

"It does not change longer term what is going in terms of corporate earnings and economic growth," said James Volk, co-director of institutional trading at D.A. Davidson and Co. in Portland, Oregon. "People are cautious because of the earnings outlook and whether (Iraqi President Saddam) Hussein is really going to go through with this."

The dollar spiked to a three-month high of 122.85 yen, versus 122.13 in late US trade, and strengthened to 96.61 cents against the euro versus 96.90 in New York. *Reuters*

GE's Welch renounces generous retirement perks

NEW YORK—General Electric Co. said on Monday federal regulators are investigating Jack Welch's lavish retirement and employment benefits, shortly after the former chief executive said he had given up company-funded use of corporate jets and a New York apartment.

The decision by Welch, hailed for taking a stodgy conglomerate by the horns and reshaping it into an aggressive global powerhouse, comes after a barrage of criticism over his handsome benefits, details of which emerged in divorce papers.

Welch didn't apologize for taking home a retirement package stuffed with country club memberships, regular dinners at one of Manhattan's best restaurants and the cost of flowers, wine and other perks at the swank apartment as the filing alleged.

In an article penned for The Wall Street Journal, Welch defended his benefits, saying they were given in lieu of cash compensation offered by the company during his reign as CEO.

Though the benefits were not improper, perceptions matter, he said.

"And in these times when public confidence and trust have been shaken, I've learned the hard way that perception matters more than ever," Welch wrote. "In this environment, I don't want a great company with the highest integrity dragged into a public fight because of my divorce proceedings."

At his request, GE's board agreed on Thursday to change the contract so that the corporate coffers would fund only basic office and administrative support, Welch said.

A day later, the US Securities and Exchange Commission requested information on Welch's pay and benefits, in an effort to uncover whether GE properly disclosed the details of the arrangement set in 1996, the company said. *Reuters*

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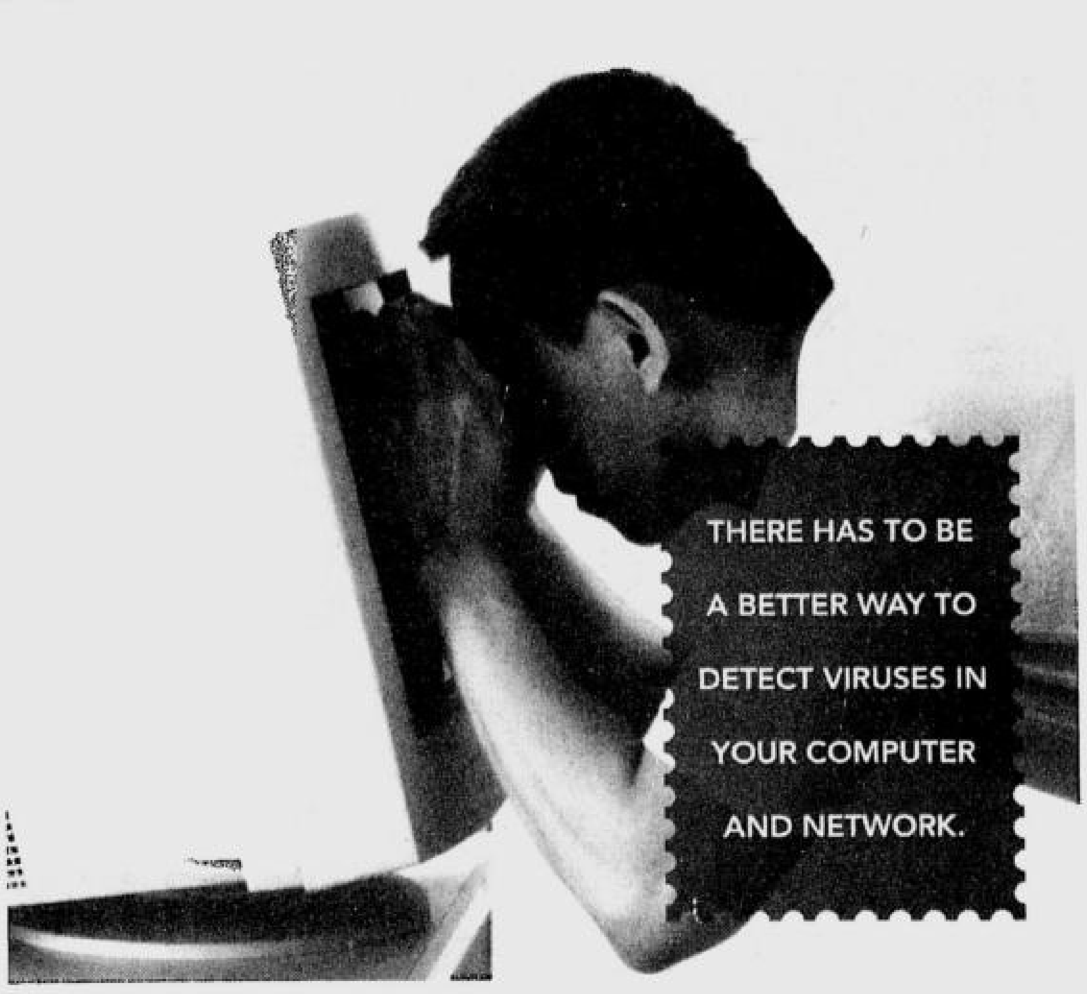
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PDI-Sept. 11, 18 & 25, 2002

Notice is hereby given that the estate of late MARCIAL F. CABUSO & REMIGIA B. CABUSO was extrajudicially settled among the heirs as per Doc138, Page29, Book CCCLXXXII, Series of 2002 before Notary Public Virginia A. Paragua of Q.C.
PDI-Sept. 11, 18 & 25, 2002

NOTICE OF LOSS

San Miguel Certificates #A322108-1300 Shrs; A460355-143 Shrs; A350702-130 Shrs; Meralco Certificates DDB112685-2300 Shrs; DDB148257-1900 Shrs; DDB242359-1638 Shrs Under name of Fernando R.Gonzalez were declared lost. If no contest is received w/ in 1 yr new certificates will be issued.
(PDI-Sept. 18,25 & 30 2002)

PERSONAL

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit thou who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your Perpetual Glory. Amen

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INVITATION TO BID

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Interested parties may secure bid documents and the checklist of the qualification requirements from Supply and Property Management Office (SPMO).

The schedule of the bidding activities is as follows:

Particulars	Date/Time	Place
Issuance of Bid Documents	Sept. 25-30, 2002/ 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	SPMO
Pre-Bid Conference	Oct. 8, 2002, Tue/10:00 a.m.	SPMO
Opening/submission of bids	Oct. 23, 2002, Wed./10:00 a.m.	SPMO

Bidders shall submit two (2) sealed envelopes containing a) TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS (e.g. qualification requirements indicated in the checklist, bid security as to form, amount and validity period, authority of signatory, after sales service/parts, catalogues/brochures/other literatures, etc.), and b) FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS at the Supply and Property Management Office, UPLB.

The UPLB reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, if there is evidence of collusion between relevant public, officers or employees of the agency or the BAC and any of the bidders, or among the bidders, or between bidders and third parties, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures. The agency also reserves the right to waive any required formality in the bids received, provided that such waiver does not refer to a major deviation in a bid or any requirement provided in these IRR pertaining to the substance of a bid.

(Sgd.) DR. TERESITA M. ESPINO
Chair, BAC

(PDI-Sept. 17 & 18, 2002)

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The WHSMP~PC works in close collaboration with its partners, the DOH Centers for Health Development, LGUs and NGOs, to improve the health and status of women through the use of community health development techniques, which enable women at the barangay level identify and articulate their health needs and be involved in developing and implementing plans to achieve positive changes for health.

The Project has been granted a 15 month Extension, is now seeking qualified and experienced individuals for the following positions

Information, Education and Communication Officer and Executive Assistant

Information, Education and Communication Officer

☐ The Information, Education and Communication Officer is directly responsible for the development and implementation of all IEC and advocacy related activities conducted by the Project's PMO and, through the provision of technical leadership and advice to the Project's regional IEC consultants, ensure the highest standards of IEC and advocacy activities across the Project regions.

☐ The person we are seeking: will have a relevant undergraduate qualification and post graduate training in a related area such as social marketing or graphic design. They must be creative and dynamic, be culturally and gender sensitive, have extensive experience in community based IEC and advocacy work, and be aware of community health/development issues. Proficiency in DTP, graphics design savvy; and excellent writing and editing skills are a mandatory requirement for this demanding but exciting positions.

Please Note: This position is based in Manila

Executive Assistant

☐ The Executive Assistant is responsible for the provision of administrative support to the Project's Co-Directors, including liaising with senior individuals from government and non government agencies, preparing confidential documents and handling sensitive information and materials.

☐ The person we are seeking must have a relevant undergraduate qualification in business studies/admin and at least 3 years experience in a similar position; have highly developed interpersonal skills, ability to establish and maintain excellent work relations in a team environment and deal positively and tactfully with all levels of staff. They must demonstrate initiative, a strong commitment to excellence and transparency as well as a well developed sense of responsibility and integrity.

Please Note: This position is based in Manila

ONLY INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS SHOULD APPLY.

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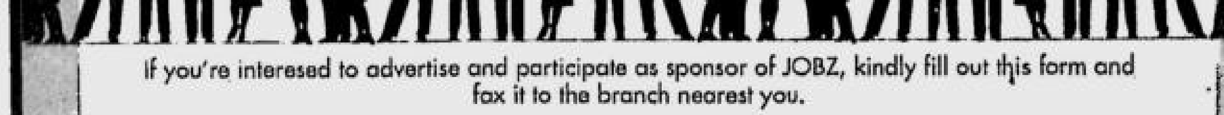

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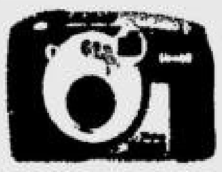

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May we request those whose lives he has touched to continue to pray for his eternal repose.

May his memory live in our hearts forever.

ERRATUM

In his obituary ad published in this page September 14, 2002 one of his children's name should be Marijo instead of Mario as published.

Our apologies.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

LEONARDO ZAVALLA TIONGCO

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Peacefully joined our Lord on September 14, 2002 at the age of 97

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His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City with daily Masses at 7:00PM.

Interment will be on Thursday, September 19, 2002 at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque after the 1:00PM Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations to a scholarship fund in honor of the deceased will be highly appreciated.

DR. RENATO D. CALUAG

July 27, 1935 - September 15, 2002

University of the Philippines
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husband of the late **AUGUSTA SOLIVEN** (†)

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Regie and Cynthia Soliven
Mercy and Marno (†) David
Tessa and Romy Lara
Vic and Purita Soliven
Ethel and June (†) Timbol

His body lies in state at the Sanctuario de San Jose Parish Church, Greenhills, San Juan.

Interment will be on Friday, September 20, 2002, at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 9:00 AM Mass at Sanctuario de San Jose Parish Church, Greenhills, San Juan.

"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord."

Matthew 10:39

Our Dearly
BELOVED TATAY

CONRADO S. LEYES, SR.

Peacefully joined our Creator on September 13, 2002 at the age of 78.

His bereaved wife **Adelaida**; children **Lorna** (†), **Conrado Jr.**, **Lemel**, **Lucein**, **Loida**, **Lino**, **Levic**, **Leelin** and **Laudemyr**; his sons- and daughters-in-law; his grandchildren, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence at Madia-as Street, Villamonte, Bacolod City.

Interment will be on Sunday, September 22, 2002, 12:00 noon at the Rolling Hills Memorial Park, Bacolod City after the 10:00 Mass.

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FELIX R. CASILLA	Sept. 19	8:00 AM	Holy Gardens La Union Memorial Park San Fernando City, La Union	Brgy. Pagdaraon San Fernando La Union
ALEJANDRO L. GALVEZ	Sept. 19	10:30 AM	Holy Gardens La Union Memorial Park San Fernando City, La Union	Brgy. Santiago Norte San Fernando La Union

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RICARDO R. TABLANTE

Died in the Grace of the Lord
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His body lies in state at the Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish Church on Daily Mirror Street, West Triangle, Quezon City.

Funeral Mass and cremation services will be announced at the wake.

OUR CONDOLENCES

to the family of the late

Hon. Manuel Peñaflorida Parcon

who died 3 September 2002

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Former Congressman, Third District, Province of Iloilo

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The Holleros of Jaro

Beatriz Dacut-Duque

Former Postal Employee

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Josefa Talambiras Medrano

of IBAAN, BATANGAS

Peacefully joined her Creator on September 16, 2002

Her late husband **Dr. Macario A. Medrano** (†); loving children **Belinda & Francisco Medrano Jr.**; **Bella & Rolando Reyes** (†); **Edgardo & Dr. Evelyn Villena**, **Drs. Albert & Carmen Santos**; grandchildren and great grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for her eternal rest.

Her remains lie in state at their residence in Poblacion Ibaan, Batangas.

Interment will be on Saturday, September 21, 2002 at the Ibaan Municipal Cemetery after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Saint James de Greater Parish Church, Ibaan, Batangas.

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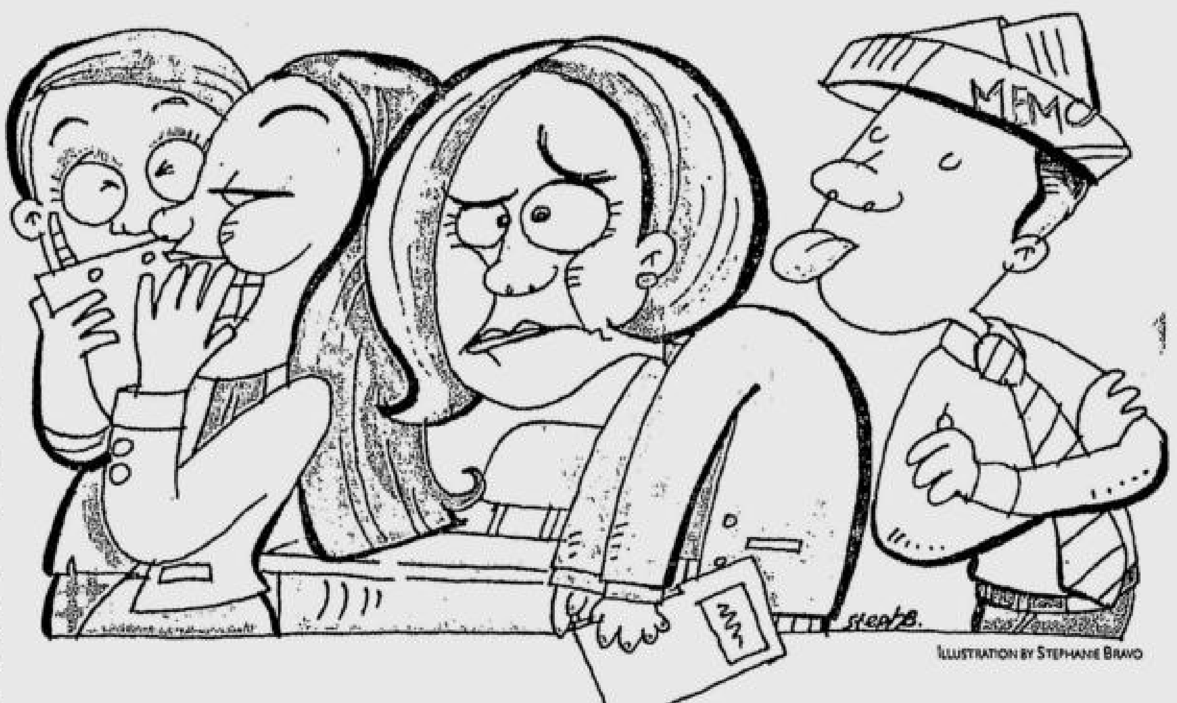
How to develop, boost EQ



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By Josie O. Santamaria

(This is the fifth of a series of articles on emotional intelligence.)

IF YOU are prone to angry outbursts, you probably have low emotional intelligence or EQ. EQ refers to your levels of self awareness, self management, social awareness and social skills. This competence is a key factor to success at work. While both IQ and EQ levels are inherited, the good news is EQ can be acquired or enhanced. Training, maturity and age play a big part in developing or enhancing EQ.

How do you develop your EQ? You can work on the following eight areas: self-awareness, strong self-motivation, self-management, getting the required training or coaching, having a positive role model at work, practicing the skills in real work situations, getting feedback an forming the right habits through continuously practicing the EQ skills and getting feedback to improve your practice.

Self awareness

On self-awareness, here are some ways you can develop this skill.

* Listen to the voice of your conscience. God speaks to you in the quiet of your hearts when you act in a self-centered manner, when you are judgmental and don't consider the needs and feelings of others, or when your words have violated another person's sense of integrity no matter how justified you may think you are.

* Observe how people react to you. Do they avoid you? Are they passive and quiet during the meetings that you conduct? Or do you have direct reports who rebel against our decisions?

* Notice if you are you losing your staff. Do you have direct reports who resign or seek transfer to other work units? Do you lose your customers or do your customers request that they talk to another person rather than to you? Do you have superiors who seek your transfer to other work units?

* Get authentic feedback from people you work with and who take the courage to tell or write you about your behavior and how they are affected by them. You can also get feedback in team building seminars where facilitators create the climate for openness and guide participants to open up to one another by giving both positive and negative feedback.

* Adopt 360° (or multi-rater) survey questionnaires on your performance. Its results can provide opportunity for you to rate yourself and compare your self-ratings with the ratings given by your superiors, direct reports, peers and external customers. Usually the big gap between self-rating and other-ratings can be quite shocking.

* Confront yourself and ask yourself hard questions such as, "How am I as a leader? What am I doing to encourage openness and to develop my direct reports? Do my direct reports find me approachable and what is the evidence of this? Do they tell me only the good news because telling me the bad news such as their mistakes and errors of judgments, or wrong decisions make me blow my top and lose my temper?"

Self-motivation

The second area, self-motivation, refers to a strong desire to stop behaving in certain ways and to learn certain EI competencies. This can be created by your awareness of how you affect others in a negative way and how these in turn, affect your work effectiveness and career progress.

The third area, self-management, refers to managing your emotions, particularly negatives ones. Oftentimes, this involves simply learning how to keep negative emotions and impulses in check. For example, when you feel your anger mounting, say for example when you receive an inaccurate report from a staff, you can stop yourself from exploding by breathing deeply, drinking water or getting out of the meeting room temporarily and coming back when you have cooled down.

On a deeper level, you can also keep your anger under control by:

* Changing your perception of the situation. Instead of getting angry with your staff, see it as an opportunity to define your standards of performance and coach him. Coaching is as an opportunity to build a positive relationship with him.

* Getting more information about a person or situation so that you can have paradigm shift. When you counsel an employee who is often late for work, you discover things about his personal and family life. With this new understanding, you can then help him find an acceptable solution to his problems and at the same time, develop a relationship of trust.

* Identifying the stimulus (or antecedent) that makes you react emotionally, with fear or anger, to a situation, and removing this antecedent. The antecedent to emotional reactions may be internal (thoughts, perceptions and paradigms) and/or external (a person or place). For example, your fear of making a marketing presentation to a prospective client may push you to ask a colleague to do it instead. However, if you give in to your fear, you may not be able to develop self-confidence and learn the skills of making a winning presentation. You will not help yourself to grow. So what do you do? You develop the antecedents that will give you the self-confidence to do a winning presentation. Examples of antecedents within our control are: preparing the content of your presentation, making the PowerPoint presentation, and role-playing the presentation before your colleagues. Then keep practicing until you are self-confident. When the time of presentation comes, entrust yourself to God and let His Spirit guide you. Anticipate success, think and feel positive about the people to whom you will make the presentation. These antecedents will help you look forward to the presentation.

Training

In the area of training and/or coaching, some social skills, such as assertive (not aggressive) communication, empathic listening, conflict management thru negotiation, collaboration, etc. can be acquired through training. Training should lead to application of the skills in the real world, getting feedback on the application, and constant practice.

Training in social skills must focus on and use the correct part of the brain. Research by neuroscientists has revealed that EQ competencies and IQ and cognitive abilities come from different parts of the brain.

Cognitive abilities are based in the thinking brain, the neocortex, which is evolutionarily the most recent part of the cerebral cortex. The neocortex grasps concepts in logic very quickly.

On the other hand, emotional competencies involve the emotional centers of the brain, in particular, the amygdala in the limbic system (the feeling brain), which governs feelings, impulses and drives. Learning in these emotional centers occurs not through words and ideas but through simple repeated actions and specific experiences. The same research indicates that the amygdala learns best through self-motivation, extended and repeated practice and feedback so that the old habits of reacting emotionally to situations are broken down and new neural connections, involving alternative positive responses, are established and strengthened.

Therefore, training to develop emotional competencies require repetition and practice to make brain circuits stronger and an individualized approach, such as personalized coaching.

BREAKFAST CHAT

How to make meetings productive

PAULINO

By Ricky B. Garcia

MEETINGS, whether they are the "got-a-minute?" variety that often happens in corridors or the scheduled ones within the conference rooms, can be an opportunity for your to shine.

The catch, however, lies in making them productive and not merely as welcome breakers from serious work.

Sharing his ideas on this score in the People at Work segment in Studio 23's Breakfast show recently is Barry G. Paulino, the senior vice president of the business development group of Philippine National Construction Corporation (PNCC).

Breakfast host Ria Tanjuatco and McGraw Hill marketing executive Jenny Javier co-hosted this segment. The following is the gist of the interview.

PaW: What are the key ingredients for a successful meeting?

Barry: The key ingredients for a successful meeting are as follows: there should be a clearly-defined agenda; there should be a quorum; decision-makers should be present if there are issues to be decided; the minutes of the previous meeting should be made available; and there should be time limits

Paw: How do you make meetings interesting?

Barry: To make meetings interesting, it is always important to have visual presentations. Also, prepare snacks or merienda. The Filipinos love to eat or chew or drink something during meetings. In fact, some long-staying foreigners are now adapting to this habit.

PaW: How do you manage people bringing different emotions and issues to a meeting?

Barry: People skills come into play if there are emotionally sensitive members, executives or managers in a meeting. Be very careful and tactful in addressing these people and remain focused on issues rather than their personalities. If there are many issues on hand, the best way to carry on with the meeting is to tackle the relatively easy issues first. In that way, you do not consume much executive time.

PaW: How does one keep a meeting on track and on time?

Barry: In meetings, there are often executives or managers who value time the most. Perhaps it is important to give them the responsibility of calling the attention of the members on the amount of time spent on every issue discussed as well as the remaining time available. Otherwise, the secretariat can call the attention of the chair.

PaW: What If the most outspoken members dominate the meeting to the exclusion of others?

Barry: I think whoever chairs the meeting should be in full control of the proceedings. If there are outspoken members, he or she should only be given the chance to tell his or her opinion when called for. And the meek and mild-mannered should be encouraged or given the chance to speak up so as not to alienate them during the discussions.

PaW: Meetings are a good platform to thresh out conflicts. What is the proper way for a meeting leader to allow opposing views?

Barry: In every meeting, chances are high for opposing views. Hearing all the parties' positions enables everyone to get a clear picture of the situation. The chair should only allow debates to ensue if the parties are not hostile to each other. It is difficult to survive a meeting unscathed under a hostile environment.

PaW: How do you assert yourself in a meeting without getting angry?

Barry: Getting angry is a normal reaction of an executive especially when assigned tasks or commitments by others are not fulfilled. Sometimes, letting people know that you are angry gets them on their toes. But you don't have to shout expletives or say bad words--stay focused on issues.

PaW: Can you share with us tips that can make a meeting more varied, engaging and fun?

Barry: It is important to get the views of all the members about the importance of meetings. The venue and time of meetings are very important. Finding the most convenient place and time acceptable to all parties is a must. It helps to set meetings in different places if only to make the parties feel that you are after their welfare.

Time is too expensive to waste. For habitual latecomers, the meeting participants can agree among themselves on some sort of penalties. In our company, we penalize latecomers with monetary fines which we use to treat everyone to a hearty meal.

Meetings can be very exciting if national issues or entertainment news are touched on the lighter side! But the chair should be cautious not to spend so much time on such issues. Above all, the best way is to pray before the meeting.

Working students have edge in job hunting

By Tita Datu Puangco

Advice
FOR THE
ANXIOUS PERSON
AT WORK

I AM a senior student taking up A.B. Industrial Psychology in a university in Angeles City, Pampanga. While studying, I work as a student aide in the same university and am on my third semester in this job. I am doing this to support and finance my studies. Most of the time, maintaining good grades and attending to my work duties can be tough, but I am able to balance the two through sustained effort and good work.

My question is: is it appropriate to write in my resume as work experience or job-related experience my being a student assistant? Do you think this information can create a difference or give me an edge in getting a future job?

Next semester, I will be graduating from my current course. In addition, I have already a certificate of Associate in Computer Science last April 1999 from the same university. I am also intending to join a club in my area of studies, that is psychology.

Working Student

You should put in your resume your experience as a student assistant. You can also include a description of special projects you handled, if any.

If I were your future employer I would give bonus points for these kinds of experiences. They demonstrate that you have a number of dimensions and competencies that employers favor.

Let me name a few. One is your ability to manage time and stress, having to balance between your studies and work and come out with accomplishments in both areas. Another advantage is emotional intelligence. You are willing to forego having a good time or suppress momentarily pleasure in favor of a higher goal, in this case, your desire to finish your studies. A third edge is the excellent combination of computer science and psychology. This means that you have multiple skills and competencies that can be tapped immediately for productive work.

Other things that an employer would look for would be good grades. While these are not the sole basis for hiring, having good grades speak of a person who strives for excellence and is likely to apply the same patience and perseverance at work.

I would likewise support your joining clubs or organizations or extracurricular activities. They will enable you to gain social as well as networking skills so critical for success in a competitive environment.

In my student days, I also learned most of my organizational and management skills by joining and leading student organizations. I could say I learned as much from my textbooks as from relating with others in student organizations.

Finally, do find a way to have some recreation. It always pays to keep work life balance, to avoid burnout. Thanks for your letter. May God bless you.

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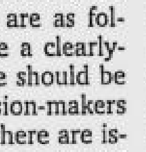
'When I am no longer useful, will they discard me too?'

By Resty S. Odon

POSTCARDS *from the* CORPORATE EDGE



MY FIRST job was really one traumatic experience I can never forget. I was fresh from school, a new hire with young blood, fat with the knowledge that one company found me useful enough to be hired over the long haul. I was given to understand that I was being hired as a replacement for some senior citizens in the company. I allegedly could do a particular job that these seniors couldn't. It was understandably an ego booster for me.

Considering this situation, it was stupid and insensitive of me to expect these senior officemates to welcome me with open arms. They were on the last leg of their contract. When one of them didn't hide her resentment, I even had the gumption to complain to my fellow new hire, "She hardly smiles at me."

I felt sad witnessing their last day, not because it was full of regrets and goodbyes, but because it seemed like an ordinary event. The day left me with a tinge of guilt that lingered. But what could I do? I needed to make a living. But what worried me was the way they were told to leave.

"You're no longer of any use to the company." " Sorry, goodbye and thank you." Just like that. Because of this treatment, I had second thoughts about my employer. I felt like I won a competition but would they treat me the same way when I would no longer be useful? How dare they discard people like old toys? Were these people given separation pay at least, or any such consolation? I doubt it. And if they were, don't they still deserve a little more respect than that?

Don't companies benefit as well from the services of their people? Don't they owe their human resource the benefit of a retirement plan? Shouldn't they also be grateful for the years of service their employees have rendered? There has to be a more honorable form of termination, especially if it's not a case of retrenchment or dismissal due to a justifiable cause.

An article by Michael J. Naughton on "Distributors of Justice: A Case for a Just Wage" published in America last May 27, 2000 (p. 13) holds that no amount of wage can ever "exhaust human labor. Work is always more than its economic output or instrumental value, precisely because work changes God's creation, and we in turn change ourselves. There is no price to compensate us for this kind of work." Business managers, the article adds, have either the choice or the duty to be an effective distributor of justice in this regard.

From this perspective, shouldn't separation pay and retirement plans for long-term employees be made mandatory at least for big companies? Shouldn't profit sharing and stock option plans be part of remuneration that is but just and proper, and not merely a part of an attractive compensation package?

Perhaps I'm just influenced by the Hindu concept of karma but I observe that the companies that are stingy are the ones that are constantly rocked by union problems. They eventually fold up at the prime of their business, declaring an ironic bankruptcy. Then, they start again from scratch, but don't learn their lessons and become more hardened than before.

My wishes for the workplace are: May all companies make their choices well and may all employees also make an informed choice on whom to place their loyalty. Loyalty cannot be bought, but once recognized and rewarded, it brings in lots of money, both in direct and indirect ways.

Set aside a Recovery Day to maintain life balance

WORKING MOM

An Mercado Alcantara

MY boss is a tri-athlete, a class A tennis player, rock climber and a bonsai aficionado.

The day I started working for him, he had his arm on a sling and tucked under his polo. He was nursing an injury from a cycling accident. He fell off his bike careening at top speed down a hill, gave his shoulder to the pavement to absorb the impact, and snapped his collarbone in the process.

He shrugged what he could of his shoulders when I inquired about the pain. It's nothing, he said, this was a classic injury most cyclists face at one time or another. He could take the pain. What he couldn't bear was having to stay put: he couldn't swim, couldn't run, couldn't play tennis, couldn't climb. For him, that was punishment worse than pain; for me, that was my first glimpse at the unique combination of risk-taking and self-discipline my new boss aspired for.

Soon I discovered, the iron-man challenges he set out for himself were not confined to off-work hours. Heading for our fifth floor conference room, he would often break off conversations in mid-stream to rip through the fire escape, dash all the way up the stairs, and wait for our heavily laden elevator on the fifth-floor landing. Then, as the elevator doors open, without even a hint of panting, he would pick up our conversation.

Even power lunches are a study at restraint. Eating at the best executive lounge in town, he would always zero in only on the low-fat, low-calorie options on the menu. My trick is to never let him order first, because when I hear his choice, I get too embarrassed to order my sinfully creamy pasta choice.

A different day

But yesterday was different.

At lunch, after our general manager offered to treat him to what she thought would be his usual starvation diet, he made a complete turn-around and ordered four dishes from the menu. No low-fat, low-calorie considerations, he broke all his rules and gorged. On our way to our weekly fifth-floor management meeting, he squeezed into the elevator with us. When he noticed our jaws drop as the elevator doors closed and he rode up the floors with us, he said: it's recovery day.

Recovery day. It's the day he allows his body to rest from all the rigorous training he puts it through the rest of the week. This is the day he lives like the rest of us couch potatoes do. He gives himself a breather, pampers himself with an indulgent meal, and just eases up on the constant pushing he puts himself through. I blushed with envy. Recovery day, I thought, is a good idea for working moms, too.

Life balance

You know how many inner bones you've snapped just trying to keep your daily balance. We've endured countless aches and pains--never stopping to check if we're healing properly--just to get up from a bad work-life spill and get on the road to self-denial again. We've developed our own combination of risk-taking and discipline: the very task of bringing up our kids is one great leap of faith and the self-restraint it takes to stay focused on their welfare while staying steady at work requires Herculean stamina. So, yes, we all deserve a Recovery Day.

Starting this week, set a Recovery Day for yourself. The key is to let go of a few things that put a strain on you the rest of the week. It's not an all hell-break-loose day, (that's probably for longer vacations). Instead, it's a day of sticking to routine without shoving too much into it. Stay on course (in other words, you still go to work and face up to your responsibilities), but ease up on the pressure. This way, the Recovery Day can be a sustainable habit.

Healing time

Choose how you want to heal or what you need to heal from by simply saying no to a few things for just a day: no to overtime, or no to social obligations, or no to meetings, or no to eating lunch at your desk, or no to answering email, or no to picking up the telephone at home, or no to answering text messages. It's just a day--just one day--don't panic. The very next day you can pick up where you left off but you would have given yourself a chance to heal, recover.

Last week, I watched my boss prune one of his bonsais (the oldest from his collection). I had asked him (abused his generosity) to lend it to me for a photo shoot. As I watched him serenely snipping a way, tracing a foliage pattern no one else but he could see, I realized that this, too, was a precious escape from pressure. And I was right. His secretary whispered to me that he had picked up the art of bonsai growing when he was forced to stay put while recovering from his collarbone injury.

So, give in to your recovery, you might be surprised at what new art and serenity would spring out from you.

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How do you say thank you after a job interview?

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I've always thought that writing a thank you note after a job interview was just sucking up. But a friend of mine claims he got his job based on a thank you note he wrote to the interviewer.

No Thanks

It's a candy! It's a breath mint! Stop! You're both right! You and your friend are both right about thank you letters, that is. They can be a monumental suck-up. Or they can be a heck of a way to strengthen your chance of landing a job. But either way, you've got to avoid the "Angelina" syndrome. Angelina's an exotic dancer in Oxnard, California and one night a customer tried to "thank her" with a $100 bill. What the guy didn't know was that Angie's day job was as a bank teller: she could tell in a heartbeat that his "thank you" was a phony!

Well, he got caught giving counterfeit thanks, but you don't have to. Write those thank you letters, but ask yourself these questions before you send them off:

1. Do I sound sincere? Insincerity is the surest form of sucking up.

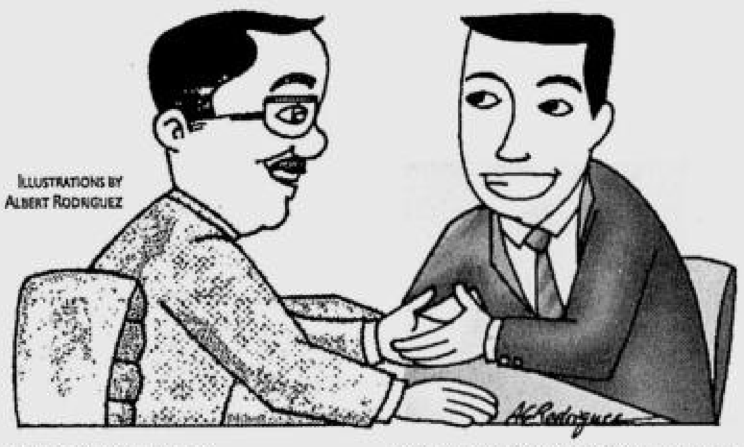
You can sound insincere by gushing ("I just love your company") or by being overly generic ("thanks for your consideration"). To avoid insincerity and ensure that you hit the tone just right, have a few people read the letter before you send it.

2. Am I taking advantage of this second chance to make a first impression? Few people score a perfect "10" in job interviews, so use your thank you note to shore up areas where you feel you underperformed. For example: "While my job history has included four jobs in six years, I believe that the five years that I've been a weekly volunteer at Children's Hospital show my ability to make a commitment."

3. Do I show enthusiasm, attentiveness and initiative? Show them that you listened during the interview by summing up the most important aspects of the job, then briefly remind them why you're the best person to take on those responsibilities.

4. Am I making myself memorable? I recently bumped into an acquaintance I hadn't seen in several years. While we chatted I reminded him of a story he'd told me when we last met. The guy was blown away, flattered and impressed that I'd remembered his story. What can you recall in your thank you note that will flatter your interviewer and make him remember you? (A note to regular readers-this week instead of referring you to a book for more information we'll give you a homework assignment. Ask coworkers, friends and family members to tell you the most memorable thanks they've ever received.)

There is nothing exotic about following up an interview. So strip away your concerns and send a simple thank you note that reminds the interviewers what they need to know: that you're the real thing, not a phony, the kind of employee who has what it takes to get the job done.



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Here are the results of our last workingwounded.com/ABC-news.com poll: How often do you send a thank you note after a job interview?

-Never, 22.2 percent
-Every time, 36.5 percent
-It depends on if I really want the job, 41.1 percent

Our winning strategy for dealing with a thank you note after an interview comes from L.L. in Sausalito, CA. "I find out where their immediate pain is or a nugget of information that I have that they could use. I send the information; a venture capital contact, an editor they would love to talk to, an association they are not aware of in the Thank You note, or in a follow up note. In turn, I may even follow up further in a week or two with an article I have found about their industry, a competitor, or whatever that keeps them even further in the loop of their world and proves me as resourceful individual."

(E-mail feedback to bob@workingwounded.com*)*

Intel celebrates its outstanding employees

By Arnie Alcazar

EACH year, Intel rolls out the red carpet for "The Outstanding Employees" or TOEs. Its TOE program recognizes employees who have contributed to the company's success through their exemplary work performance and consistent adherence to the Intel values.

This year, the global crisis had cast a pall on the company's annual "rite of passage" for its TOEs. A treat for the TOEs seemed incongruous. But thankfully, Intel's value of giving importance to its employees won out in the end. The TOEs, after all, deserve no less, having toiled away with excellent results under the most trying times. Intel pulled through because of its tradition of Operational Excellence ("OpX"), driven by a work force that thrives on challenges.

The 30 TOEs for 2001 were chosen from among 122 nominees in different factories and support groups. A five-member top management panel assessed their work performance (50 points), performance to the Intel values of customer orientation, discipline, quality, risk taking, great place to work and results orientation (10 pts.), essay on how they lived up to these values (20 pts) and participation in cross-site teams/task forces and volunteer activities (20 pts).

Road less traveled

Determined to make the event different but no less special this year, Intel's Human Resources Department, specifically, the Employee Communications manager Olive Battad and Employee Programs/Events Officer Carol Co, decided to inject less fanfare but more relevance to the program. Thus was hatched a program attuned to the company's ongoing Samahang Sulong Pilipino (SSP) campaign ("Move Ahead, Filipino!")--an organizational renewal movement to heighten pride and passion by harking back to our glorious heritage and time-honored values of *karangalan* (dignity/honor), *katapatan* (loyalty/sincerity), *kagalingan* (excellence) and *kapatiran* (brotherhood/unity)--the so-called 4Ks.

At the onset of Summer 2002, the TOEs and their choice companions embarked on a "Heritage Tour" of historic Ilocos, aptly billed *"Balik Tanaw sa Kasaysayan, tungo sa Kagalingan."*

Family time

The TOEs and their respective "significant other"--a mother, father, husband, wife/fiancé, child, best friend or co-worker--were in for an adventure of a lifetime - with four days and three nights of great fun and surprises.

Intel put together a meticulously planned and organized outing that left virtually nothing to chance. It was a packaged tour, alright, complete with professional tour guides, but specially customized to fit Intel's objectives.

The group's departure from Manila and arrival in Ilocos were a breeze--from assembly to the bus assignments, orientation, airport check-in, and arrival at Laoag Airport. The Fort Ilocandia Hotel--an oasis of tranquility and relaxation--served as the group's perfect getaway home.

Their adventure kicked off with a sumptuous dinner alfresco under a moonlit sky, complete with a serenade and videoke singing. The next few days were packed with activities that never left a dull moment--with ample free leisure time--to enjoy the resort hotel's facilities, including an Olympic-size pool, driving range, beach, aqua sports and war games.

Down history lane

The wide-eyed group also beat a path to the past, with a half-day tour each of Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte. To everyone's amazement, they found the region a living museum, with ancestral houses, museums and cathedrals galore.

Even the bus rides that took the group around were sheer fun. The wacky road trips were also spiced up by trivia games and quizzes with simple tokens as prizes, karaoke singing, etc.

Shopping galore

And what is a tour without the must shopping? After scouring the markets of Ilocos on the eve of the departure back to Manila, the group emerged with bagfuls of local delicacies such as Bagnet, longganisa, bawang, lasona and native weaves.

The outing was capped by a Fellowship Night, a Barrio Fiesta-themed Dinner at Fort Iloccandia's Beach Bar, that also featured games, band music and all-night dancing.

Comments

As honorary members of Intel Philippines' SSP Movement, each TOE was given a 4Ks kit; framed souvenir group photo and a Philippine flag pin. EC honcho Olive happily noted that in the beginning the TOEs kept pretty much to themselves and their companions, but now they have become friends, even family. She exhorted them to "megaphone" their experiences and learnings as TOEs.

Each TOE spoke briefly to express their thanks and acknowledgments, and to share their feelings and thoughts.

Orange Galindo said the distinction "inspires me to improve my leadership skills and be a better role model for other employees."

Jun Leyva, erstwhile security guard, intimated that he was inspired by two previous TOEs among his co-workers.

Jordan Gansan, whose Ma tagged along so he could have one last special moment with her just before he ties the knot, said he would urge other Intel employees to aim to be a TOE--if only to experience the TOE outing.

Nila Catubo, recently orphaned and still single, dedicated the honor to her deceased folk.

Betchay Carpio, a native Ilocana, declared that the trip has been a voyage of rediscovery, having seen many of her home province's attractions for the first time.

Homestretch

When it was finally time to go, everyone heaved a collective sigh--of sadness.

Evangeline, wife of TOE Noel Masibag, gushed that the trip made them love each other more. *"Na feel ko din na "Intellite" na rin ako!"* ("I also felt like an 'Intellite.'")

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Heritage Tour to Ilocos

INTEL recognizes its most valuable asset--its people.

At Intel Makati where a number of vans would take them home, the TOEs and their companions bade each other a fond goodbye and best wishes. They also had profuse thanks for the Intel officers who not only joined them but made sure that their trip was every bit as enjoyable and memorable as it had been--Olive Battad, Carol Co, Joy Liwanag and this writer. Not the least, they all went home with not just far more luggage than when they left for Ilocos, but a treasure trove of memories!

The TOE trip incentive may seem overindulgent in these times but for Intel it is a small investment with a great--immeasurable--ROI: a grateful, more inspired and motivated group of employees--virtual ambassadors of Intel's "Great Place To Work" value (GPTW) who will serve as inspiration and role models to other workers.

Advice for yuppies: do it anyway!

By Lou Stoops

"THE MEN who set out to do what others say cannot be done are the ones who make the discoveries, produce the inventions and move the world ahead. Believing in success can help make it so."

T.J. Watson Jr. IBM

There's always someone that will tell you it can't be done. No matter the goal, no matter the dream. There's no end to those who don't believe that what you aspire to can be accomplished. Your response? Do it anyway.

Naysayers

Most of those naysayers haven't really achieved anything of note themselves. Because they've not experienced success, they doubt that you can. Some just feel so bad about themselves that they can't bear the idea that you might win. But even if they have won themselves, it doesn't mean they know you or your dream well enough to determine that you won't make it. Consider these notable errors in judgment.

Bishop Wright was a prominent figure in the 1800's and in demand as a guest lecturer. He was asked by a major university to address the student body. His topic: "The End of the World."

The premise of Bishop Wright's speech was that surely the end of the world was near due to the fact that all the great inventions that could possibly be invented had already been invented. Since mankind had reached the apex of his intellectual prowess, God was soon to bring the curtain down.

Flying

Though a prominent man, Bishop Wright was not beyond questioning. A young student shouted out, "Man has yet to fly!"

Well, the Bishop didn't appreciate that comment. His reply, "If God had wanted man to fly, He would have given him wings!" Oops.

How much would ever really get accomplished if naysayers were listened to? Not much, my friend.

To do great, seemingly impossible things, you've got to have a great belief in yourself and in the value of the goal. What others say doesn't really matter most of the time.

Another thing; don't let failure. stop you either. When I was a kid, the greatest baseball hero of the day was Mickey Mantle. Yet failure was a companion to Mantle in his career. Consider that Mickey Mantle struck out 1,710 times, and had 1,734 walks while he played for the New York Yankees. Now, if you figure that he had come to bat 3,444 times and, didn't hit the ball and the average player gets about 500 attempts to bat during a season, then the renown Mickey Mantle played seven years without ever hitting the ball!

Those failures didn't keep Mantle from becoming one of the all-time greats of baseball.

As you attempt things there will always be those telling you it can't be done and sometimes circumstances will confirm their negative assessments; however, you owe it to yourself to stay true to your passion. Naysayers and failures don't have to be defining. If it's a good thing, and doable by your own assessment, do it anyway.

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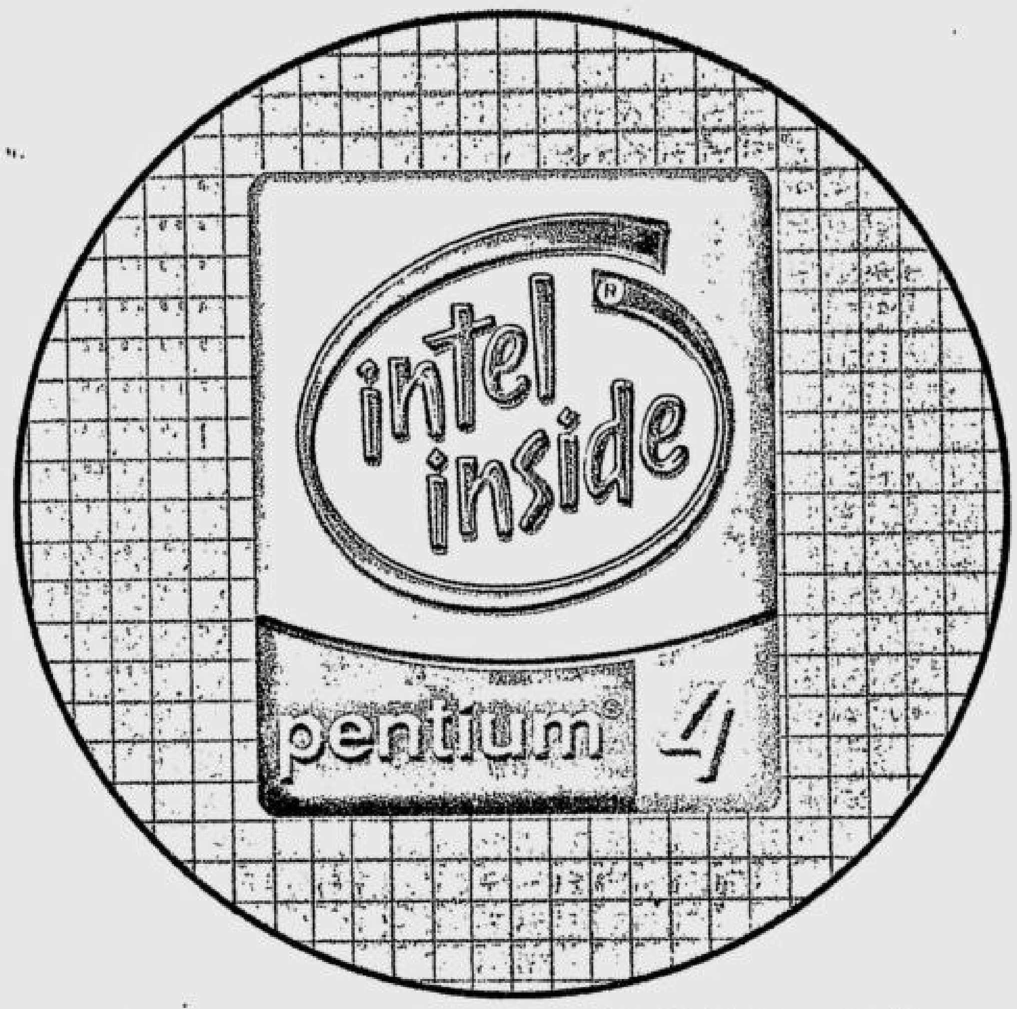

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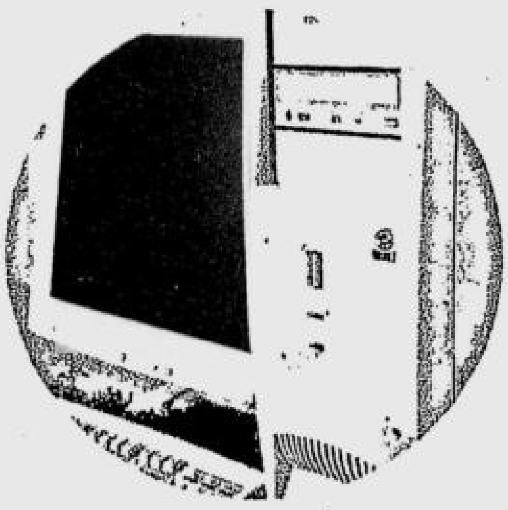

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First Student Entrepreneurs' Fair A Success

The enterprising spirit of the youth was very much alive in the 1st Student Entrepreneurs' Fair entitled "Ano Ba ang Raket mo?" organized by Thames International Business School. The two-day affair at SM Megatrade Hall gathered 38 student entrepreneurs from 21 colleges and universities who successfully passed the rigorous pre-selection process conducted by the Young Entrepreneurs Organization (YEO). After screening and interviewing around a hundred applicants, YEO president, Katrina Limcaoco, said, "We were inspired by what we heard, and were awed by their excellent ideas. They have lots of drive and determination to succeed, which is quite surprising for their age, and many have tremendous potential."

The 38 exhibitors not only inspired the YEO members but also the estimated 7000 visitors who flocked to the fair to see the students' ventures such as plate scrubbers, organic soaps, wallets, coffee wine, bags, custom jewelry, and shoes. Some entered the service industry with ventures such as an advertising agency, a hair saloon, a billiard hall, and a recruitment firm. Two students also set-up their own web communities and earned thru internet advertising.

The highlight of the fair was the awarding ceremonies of the first batch of Ten Inspirational Entrepreneurial Students (TIES) Awards initiated by the Global Filipino Foundation. A select group of judges composed of leaders from the business, media, and government sector were invited to choose this historical first batch of TIES awardees.

Sec. Cito Lorenzo, Presidential Adviser for the Creation of a Million Jobs, and Joel Santos, Director of Thames International Business School, interviewing one of the student exhibitors.

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The judges of the TIES Awards were - (L-R) Francis Lumen (CEO-MTV Philippines), Atty. Mariano Mison (Former Director, National Bureau of Investigation), Rep. Teddy "Boy" Locsin (Congressman, 1st District of Makati), Ms. Marixi Prieto (Chairman PDI), Vivienne Tan (President and CEO of Thames International Business School), Tina Tan (General Manager- SuySing), Lisa Gokongwei (President- Summit Publishing), Hans Sy (EVP – SM Shoemart), Rufi Tiam-Lee (Senior Vice-President- Monde Nissin), and Joel Santos.

Parents should encourage kids to be entrepreneurs

Vivienne Tan, President and CEO of Thames International Business School said that the main inspiration for organizing the 1st Student Entrepreneurs Fair was to provide a venue for students to be inspired by their peers to take on the entrepreneurial path of a job-maker instead of the traditional mindset of a job-seeker. She expressed her belief that advocating the spirit of entrepreneurship is one of the solutions to the country's perennial unemployment problem.

Ms.Tan, however, expressed that aside from being inspired by their fellow students who became entrepreneurs, the parents also play a key role. Most of the student entrepreneurs said that one of their main reasons for starting a business was due to their parents persuading them to explore opportunities.

> "…advocating the spirit of entrepreneurship is one of the solutions to the country's perennial unemployment problem."

Vivienne Tan expounds by saying "How to start your first business venture is the most difficult and daunting decision for a would-be entrepreneur. Imagine how a student entrepreneur feels especially with academic responsibilities to contend with. Supportive parents make a big difference during the start-up phase."

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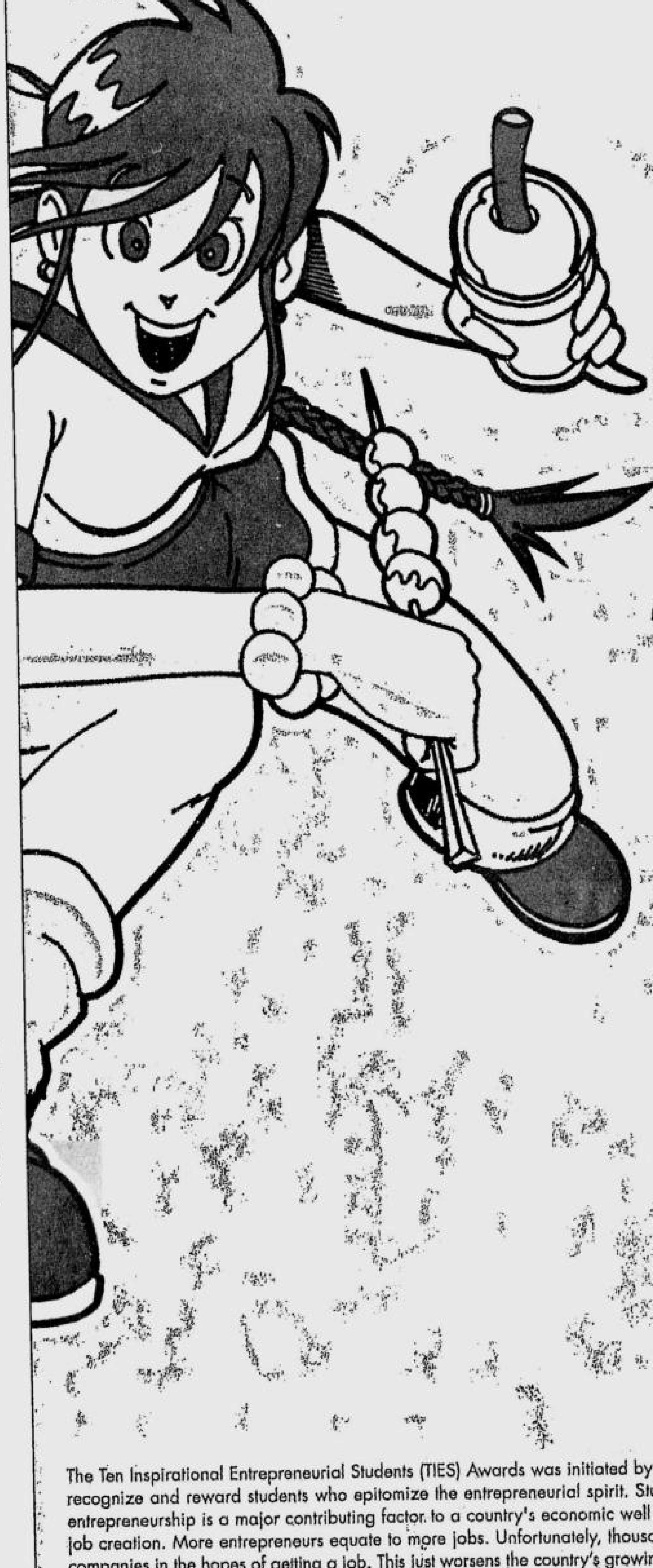

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***MARY CATHERINE LOPEZ**
College of the Holy Spirit
Home Products - D' Husky Lamp

*Tied for tenth place

The Ten Inspirational Entrepreneurial Students (TIES) Awards was initiated by Global Filipino Foundation to recognize and reward students who epitomize the entrepreneurial spirit. Studies have always shown that entrepreneurship is a major contributing factor to a country's economic well being, particularly in terms of job creation. More entrepreneurs equate to more jobs. Unfortunately, thousands of graduates still troop to companies in the hopes of getting a job. This just worsens the country's growing unemployment problem. The TIES Awardees will hopefully inspire the other students change mindsets and pursue the entrepreneurial path.

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PEOPLE at WORK

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Extraordinary career tale serves as good example to rich and famous

By Blanche S. Rivera

WOULD you consider this career successful? She lives in Forbes Park but goes to work in Smokey Mountain. She is 63 years old and got her first pay check only last year. She has stayed at home most of her life but now runs a thriving business with the profits going to its personnel.

CAREER TALES

This is the career tale of Lourdes Trinidad Ocampo who has written her own definition of personal success. She says it's her fulfillment as an employee, not only to be able to support herself at an advanced age, but to hear her fellow mothers asking her to "stay because if you leave your job, we may not have anything to eat."

Ocampo was tapped by the Couples for Christ to lead one of the government's livelihood projects for the residents of Smokey Mountain, who received a P24-million livelihood and loan grant from the Office of the President.

Ocampo, who has never worked for any company before, is the "bag lady" of Smokey Mountain where she has worked since May 2001. She teaches mothers and "whoever walks in the door" of the livelihood center to weave and produce bags and pots from old newspapers. For this work, she is well-qualified. Prior to working in Smokey Mountain, she spent 22 years with the urban poor in Sapang Palay, Bulacan where she taught bag-making for free.

Teacher

Everyday at 10 a.m., all perky and chauffeur-driven, Ocampo leaves her house in Forbes Park in Makati City to go to Smokey Mountain, once the world's largest dumpsite, where she works from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with around 35 weavers.

It is not your ideal office for a first-time employee, but the gracious lady knows how to blend well with her environment.

"My only dream is to teach this craft to housewives," Ocampo says. "If only this can be brought to many places, especially in the provinces, we can help many women earn a living."

The bags are sold at the God's Kraft stall in Glorietta while the pots are delivered to flower shops, which are keen on the products in the Valentine month. Others are for sale in bazaars contracted by the Couples for Christ.

FORMER socialite Ocampo (second from right) fulfills her social responsibility, this time, to her wards at Smokey Mountain.

PHOTO ERIK ARAZAS

> She is fulfilled as an employee

The first batch of bags for export was finished early this year, targeting the US and European market, thanks to Ocampo's sister who is in the export business. For the rest of the orders, Ocampo owes her sorority sisters in the Sigma Delta Phi.

Ocampo and her wards at the Smokey Mountain can produce 300 bags in three days, depending on the orders. They have delivered to companies like Nestle and Sheridan, and they're targeting giveaways for the yearend

For all that, plus the health risk (Ocampo had suffered pneumonia early this year), Ocampo says she gets a "better than average pay" plus fees for the gas and services of her driver. Until now though, the new employee feels bad about not getting the mandatory 13th month pay last year.

Like yuppies

"I know now how my children feel, getting up early, dressing nicely, and getting paid only so much...but it's nice to have a salary, something you really work hard for," she muses.

"So that's how it feels. I get my hard-earned daily wage then my son asks for P500, and I'm back to nothing!" Ocampo says, laughing. "I realize now that I must have been pesky with my mother when I was young."

And pesky she was.

Nobody had ever expected the youngest-and inarguably most spoiled daughter of the late Don Anselmo Trinidad, president of the Manila Stock Exchange for 16 years, to venture anywhere near the poor.

Ocampo drove a sports car to school, floated-with security escorts-to Manila's most lavish parties, and married a most sought-after basketball player of her time, the late Ed Ocampo.

Favorite daughter

Don Anselmo's favorite girl did not bother to pursue graduate studies abroad like her siblings, but started a family at a young age. She and Ed had eight kids.

Ocampo had wanted early on to work in a bank, but her mother did not want her youngest daughter to be employed. When she got married, Ocampo thought she could apply for a job, but it was her husband this time that wanted her to stay home and watch the kids.

Aside from her career, Ocampo has sponsored 15 poor kids to school. And with only five now still studying, she is free to save her salary for a last trip to Europe, which she hopes to take with any of her children before she turns 70.

But only if her fellow working girls can save as fast as she could.

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The Management Skills Series features seasoned trainors Alan Barker, who will talk on "Effective Interpersonal Communication," Josie Santamaria, who will discuss "Coaching and Counselling Skills," and Total Datu Puangco, who will explain "Strategic Thinking: A Guide to Identifying Opportunities at Work."

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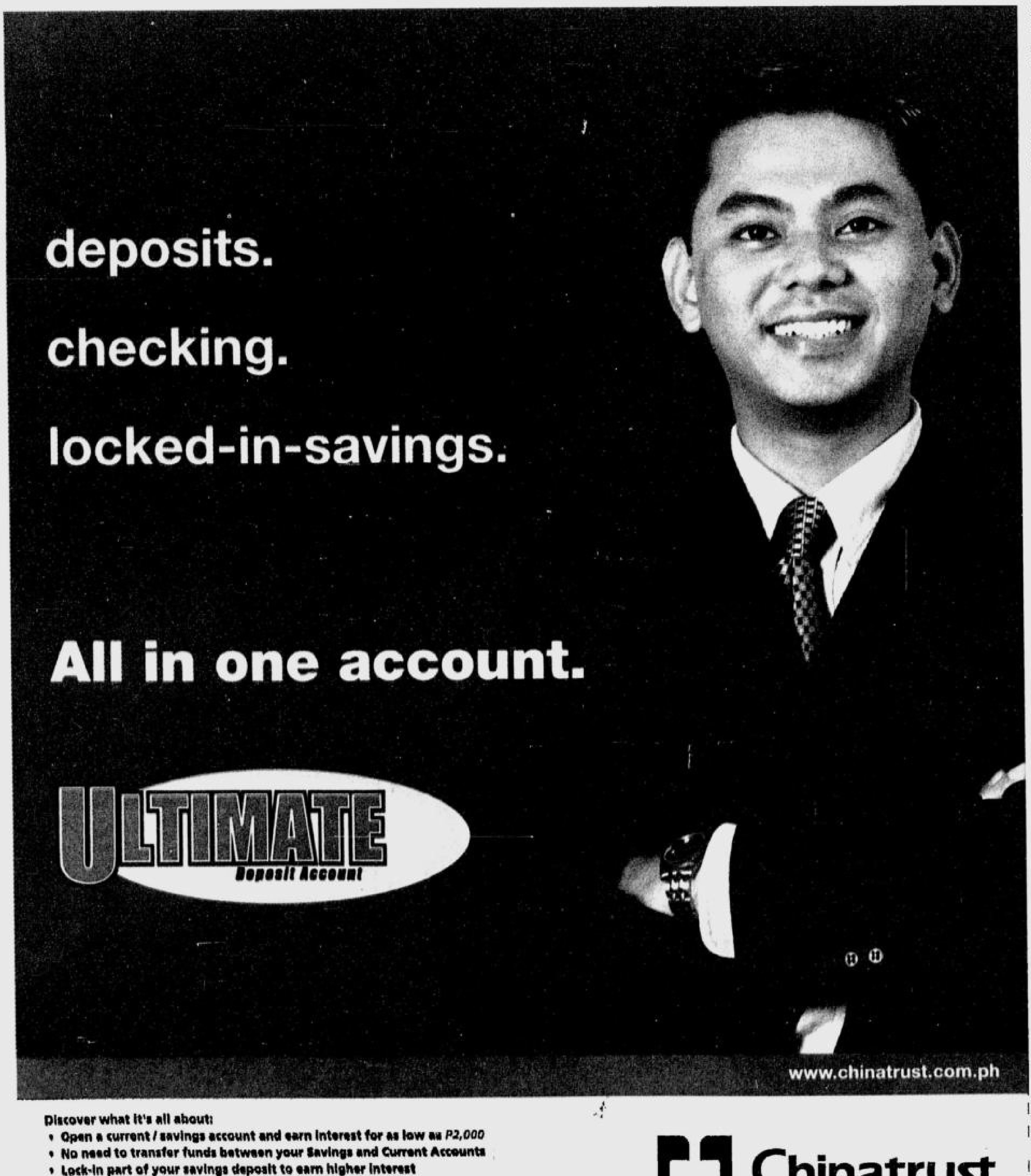

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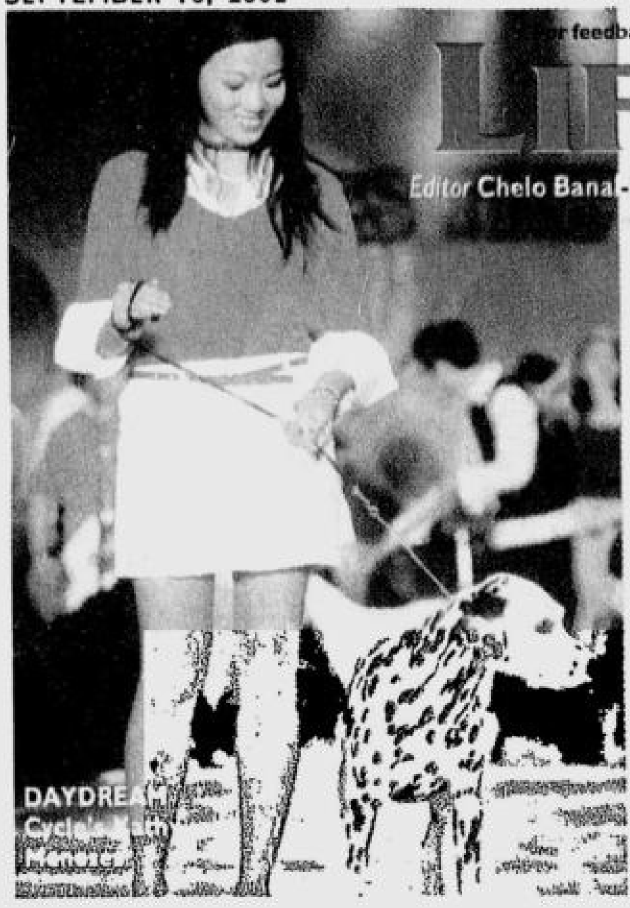

The catwalk goes to the dogs

2bU! Rocks the Ramp brought models and musicians together in support of PAWS' most ambitious project, the Philippine Animal Rehabilitation Center

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be measured by the way its animals are treated." –***Mahatma Gandhi***

By Maui V. Reyes
2bU! Correspondent
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"Kulang ata yung itlog na inalay niyo kay Sta. Clara," a friend said as it started to rain and models ran to the basement parking lot to rehearse.

But after it was postponed July 6 due to heavy rains, 2bU!'s first charity event was finally held last Sept. 14. 2bU! Rocks the Ramp, co-presented by Smart, MTV and Sari-Sari, brought models and musicians together in support of the Philippine Animal Welfare Society's (PAWS) most ambitious project, the Philippine Animal Rehabilitation Center (PARC).

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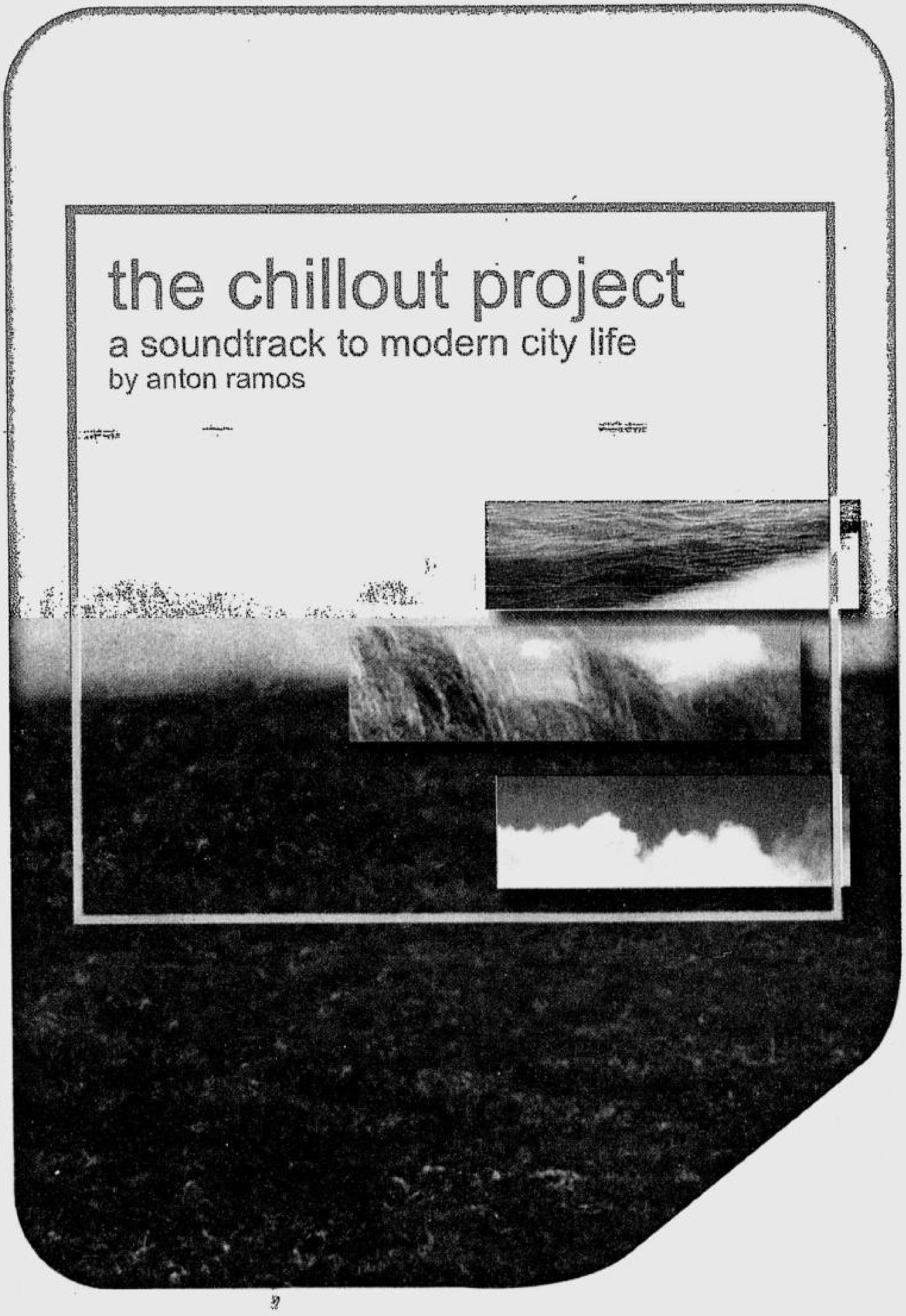

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The catwalk goes to the dogs

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started by housing abandoned, abused and neglected cats and dogs. It would eventually expand its work to include fighting for animal welfare especially after 1986, when Nita Hontiveros-Lichauco brought together people sharing the same passion to help animals in need.

Still a non-profit organization relying solely on sponsors, volunteers and donations, it has diversified its activities. Under the Dr. Dog program, founded by Jill Robinson of Animals Asia Foundation, dogs are brought to various hospitals and facilities to aid in therapy and to public schools to help promote human education.

PAWS also supported the Republic Act 8485, the Animals Welfare Act of 1998, which promotes the protection of animals in the country. In May last year, it played host to the first Asia for Animals symposium in Manila. But its most ambitious project—and one that hopefully will encourage more people to join the campaign to promote animal welfare—is PARC.

The center, located in Marikina just behind the Ateneo de Manila University, is a temporary refuge for abandoned, neglected and abused cats and dogs in the city. Designed by Larry Litchfield and Renato Osmeña Martinez and patterned after animal shelters in the United States, PARC had its soft launch last May. Veterinarians were on hand to aid the treatment of animals brought in.

Dog lovers' show

2bU! Rocks the Ramp featured musicians who cared about pets, and student models dressed in Sari-Sari threads and HIP's awesome collection. Some of today's hottest bands participated.

"Rain, rain, go away," Mojofly's Ricci Gurango said as the band opened the show with hit singles from its debut album, "Birthday" and latest work, "A Million Stories." Lucky members of the audience got itchyworms! CDs in the "Bring Me Game" portion. After Mojofly, hosts Rico Robles from RX and MTV's Anna Shier introduced the next band, the up-and-coming A Murder of Crows. Student models started to parade in HIP's collection to the beat of the band.

"It was great being able to play with signed bands," A Murder of Crows' Jon Jon said. With its sound, it should start getting used to playing with even bigger bands in the future. The band's debut album is currently being mastered, but its EP is still available through gigs.

The main event was Sari-Sari's latest collection. The itchyworms took the stage, doing songs from its album, Little Monsters Under Your Bed.

Musicians—Acel of Moonstar88,

ADORABLE Aia de Leon of Imago

ANGELA Gurango

ROCK, ROCK, ROCK N' ROLL HIGH SCHOOL! Jonathan Sibulo of Day One, Donna of Fatal Posporos, Kathy and Rico Blanco of Rivermaya make the grade.

LOUGEE sticks it up for animal welfare.

2BU!'S very own Jason Doplito. Cut this out, he will be famous.

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GO USTE! Myla Bonavente, Jinky, the author, Reena Lorilla, Sam Aguilar, Carmela Sison and Quincy delos Reyes

THE FAB Shahani Gania, director of the HIP show

JP Amistoso

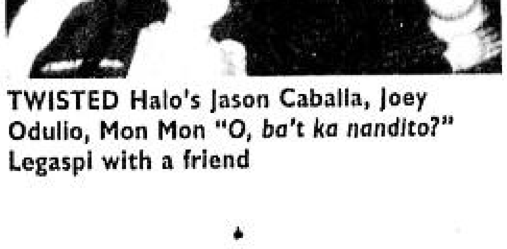
JAZZ Nicolas and Zach Lucero will someday take the ramp. Someday. Not today.

ALL we can say is...aaaw. Criselle Panlilio and Yanny Yuzon

THE SARI-SARI team with a guy who looks kind of familiar...Bamba, Jaymee, Tim, GP and Denise

A FAMILY AFFAIR. Chinggay Andrada and Ricci Gurango

2BU!'S Giles Aquino, Christian Bautista and Pam Pastor


TWISTED Halo's Jason Caballa, Joey Odulio, Mon Mon *"O, ba't ka nandito?"* Legaspi with a friend

BACKSTAGE Babefest: Moonstar88's Acel, Session Road's Hannah, Fatal Posporos' Annette and Donna, Imago's Aia and Mojofly's Kitchie

MICHI Valeriano

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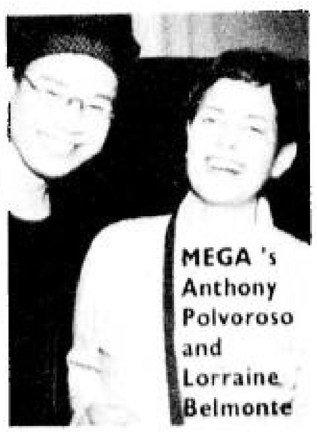
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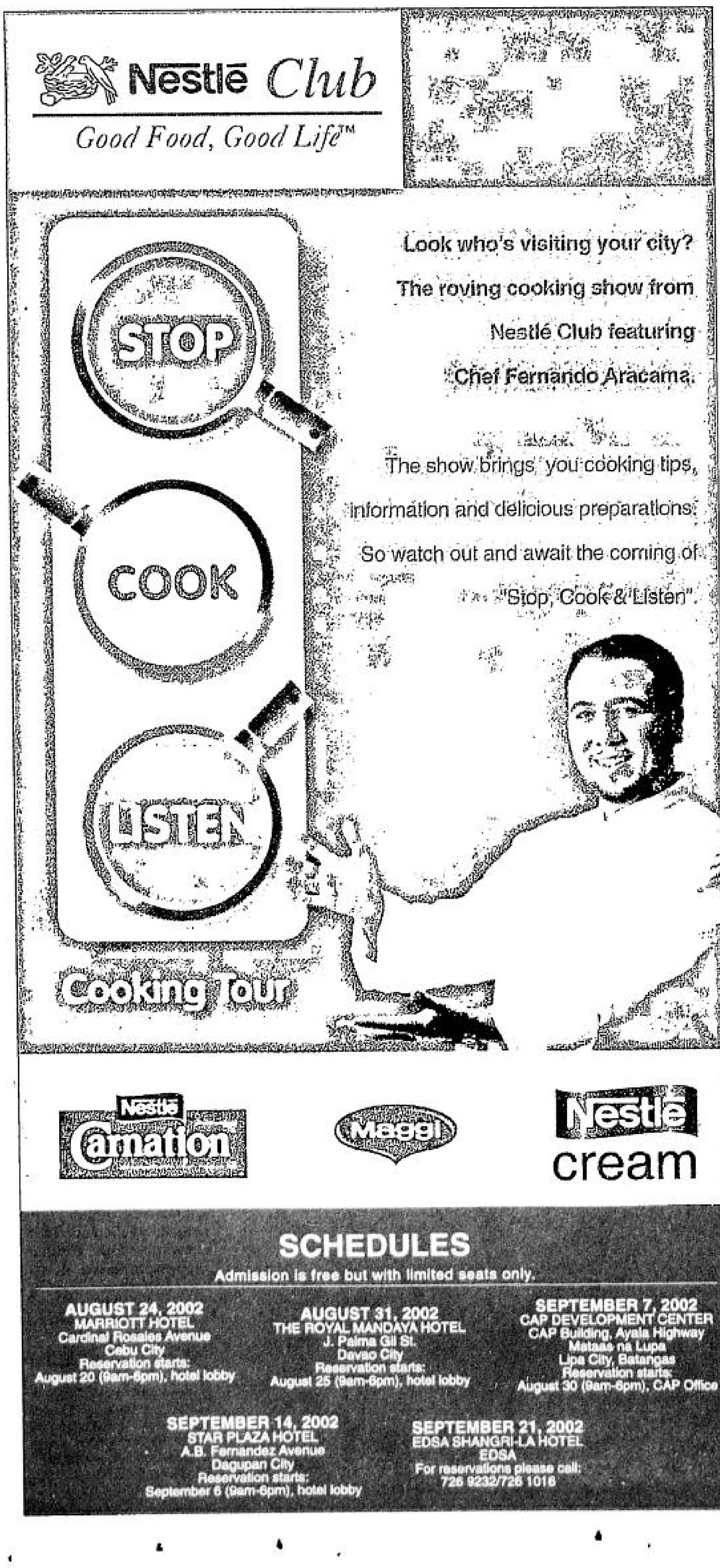
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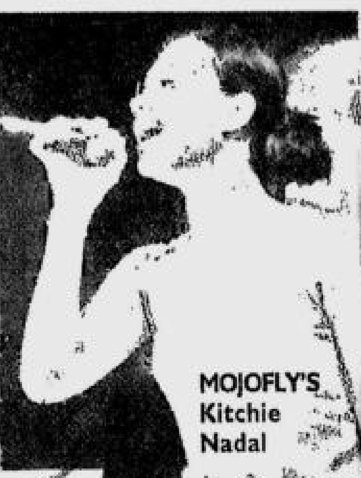
MOJOFLY'S Kitchie Nadal

A MURDER of Crows' Sherwin works the guitar.

JAPS Sergio

A MURDER of Crows' Ria peaces out.

A MURDER of Crows' Jon Jon

CHINO Singson of itchyworms!

PAWS volunteers man their booth with PARC goodies.

HOSTS MTV VJ Anna Shier and RX DJ Rico Robles

Kitchie of Mojofly, Hannah of Session Road, Annette and Donna of Fatal Posporos, Aia of Imago, Kathy of Daydream Cycle, Rico of Rivermaya, Mikey of Ciudad, Diego of Monsterbot and Sib of Day One—walked down the catwalk in clothes styled by Jaymee Topacio of Sari-Sari. The big surprise of the evening were the dogs that graced the ramp as well. Diesel (Doberman), Cody and Sprint (Dalmatians) and Spencer (Beagle) were handled by musicians as they appeared in the show's finale.

All-expenses paid dates with Michi Valeriano, Rivermaya and the RX DJ's were also raffled off during the show.

Rivermaya brought the show to a close with their hits and numbers from their latest album, "*Tuloy Ang Ligaya.*"

All in all, people agreed it was one rockin' night—and a rare event to see musicians strut their stuff on the catwalk. "Tonight the ramp, tomorrow the world!" Ciudad's Mikey Amistoso (arguably the hottest musician in the line-up) said. "I wanted to take my shirt off, but they wouldn't let me."

"It was really, really fun playing for the animals, although they didn't seem like they were interested with all that was happening," Gurango complained. "They were too preoccupied smooching with their fellow canines!"

For more information on PAWS, visit their website at www.pitstopit.com/paws3 or drop by PARC in Marikina City. To volunteer, download a form from www.pitstopit.com/paws3/volunteerapplication.htm, or call 7246395, or fax 7241986. Adoption forms are available at PARC and through their website.

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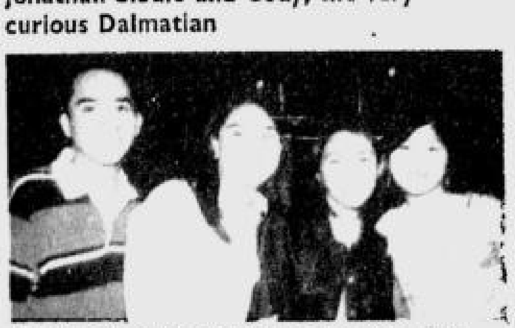
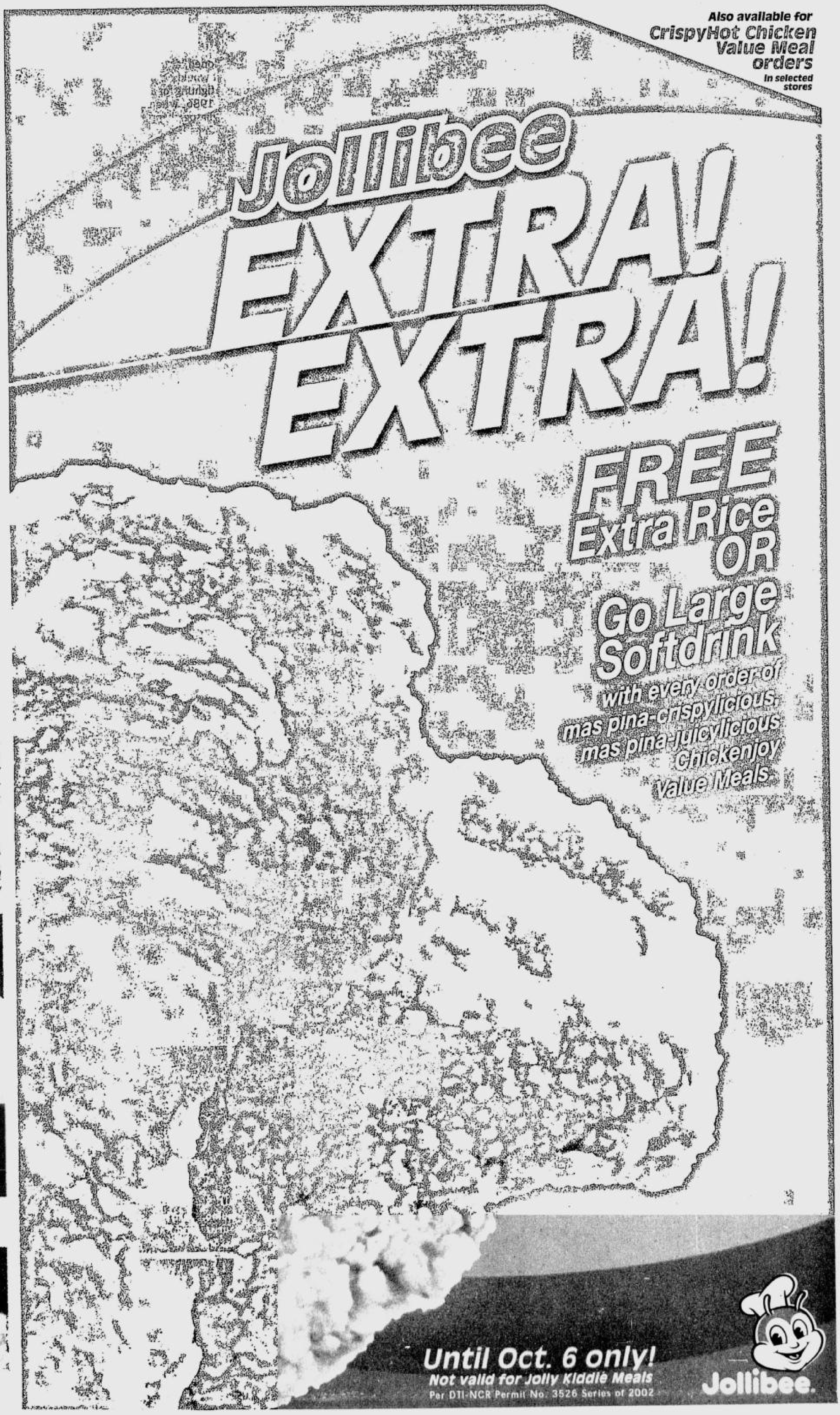
"PLEASE Insert Here." Mikey Amistoso, Jonathan Sibulo and Cody, the very curious Dalmatian


FRESH from the UAAP games that day. Raimond, Stephanie Serrano, Liberty Morales and Mica Siquijor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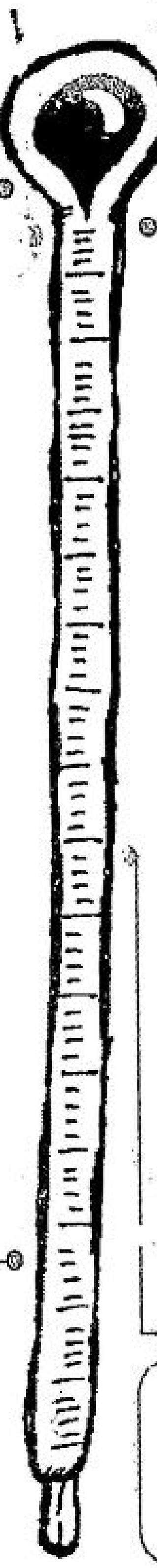
Mandy and Andy are hot Chili and Oasis are hotter

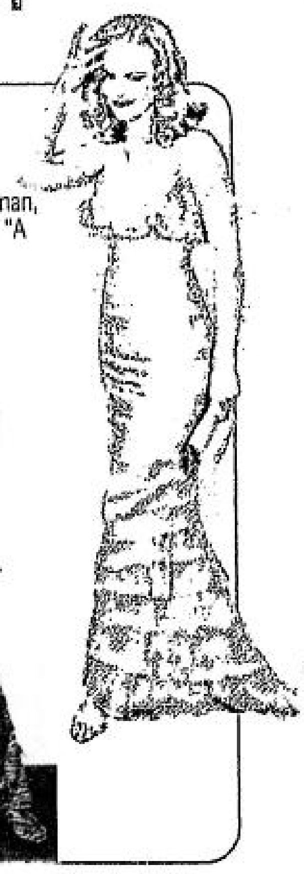
RED Hot Chili Peppers and Oasis will be coming over. *Astiiiiiiiiiiiig.*

COLDPLAY'S new album, "A Rush of Blood to the Head." More Brit pop that we love!

ONE of our correspondents opened a can of Alpo and found a one-peso coin in it. Now, if it were a check for P1 million, that would have been a different, far happier story.

LAST Saturday, after the "2bU! Rocks the Ramp" event, a bunch of us went to Whistle Stop in Libis to have a late dinner. We were all standing near the door, waiting to be assisted, but we were ignored. We got our own table and the waiter (let's call him Frankenstein) assigned to our area didn't seem to be interested in taking our orders. Frankenstein was sarcastic and had a major attitude problem. The food was okay, but the service left a lot to be desired. Okay, we might look like a bunch of kids, but we could pay. We deserved good service just like everyone else.





THE PEOPLE have spoken. People Magazine has just announced the Best and Worst Dressed in 2002. Julia Roberts and Halle Berry, both Academy Award winners, topped the best list, along with such stars as Nicole Kidman, Kate Hudson, Reese Witherspoon and Debra Messing. "A dazzling dress is only the beginning," the mag says. "Fabulous hair, flawless makeup, gleaming jewels and the perfect shoes (and bag) are required to ace the evening competition." Meanwhile, Pamela Anderson and boyfriend Kid Rock were named the worst dressed: she was photographed in a black, two-piece number composed largely of strings; he was photographed clutching his crotch in blue jeans and a T-shirt. Macy Gray, Heidi Klum and Hillary Clinton were also advised to reconsider their style.

OPM EPs to add to your CD collection! We can't stop spinning the Happy Meals' EP—it's funk with flavor and lots of attitude. Grab a copy of A Murder of Crows' EP for a dose of mellow rock, and don't forget to pick up Daydream Cycle's baby for some serious melodic sounds.

MUSIC One will be opening in Greenbelt. *Astiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiig rin.*

Is it true that yet another local clothing brand is eyeing another foreign personality to become its endorser? Will we be seeing this certain Latin singer parading around in his underwear soon?

ANDY and Mandy. At least their names rhyme (Think Mandy Roddick…not bad). The two haven't exactly admitted their budding romance yet, but there's a sparkle in her eyes, according to Lifestyle's Alex Vergara, who interviewed the singer recently.

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LIFESTYLE

Channel 5's reality TV show has provided a peek at the life of single men. Now the spotlight is trained on single women

Singles on 3Sum

By Jasmine W. Payo
2bU! Correspondent

"THE BEST thing about being single is that you can pick up any guy or girl you like and just go out, have fun, get drunk and flirt around. It's really great being single," says Asia Agcaoili.

It was a night of fun for singles at the Dish in Rockwell. And you definitely don't need an SO (significant other) to have a great time. The occasion was the "3Sum Party," the season launch/season ender of the interactive, reality-based TV show "Single."

Marvel Julian was top-billed as "The Single Guy" in last season's show. He gave everyone a peek into his bachelor life. But soon, "The Single Girl" will kick off with Asia, Mica Tuano and Patty Ragaza vying for the lead role.

With 14 episodes of fame behind him, the 22-year-old Marvel now shares his "Ed TV" moments.

The concept of the show is still novel on the local tube. So, how was the reality TV experience?

It was a fun learning experience. I really wasn't sure then how to handle a crowd or people I don't know. Then suddenly, everywhere you go, there are people who notice or recognize you—guys, girls, gays. But it was really fun.

You competed with a model and a theater actor for this role. You were the regular guy, so why did people vote for you?

I guess I'm just blessed. God loves me, *kasi mabait akong bata* (laughs).

I was quite nervous because I know I was the underdog. But they said that the votes for me came in after the pilot episode. *Nagulat din ako.*

Were there moments when you wished the cam wasn't following you?

Yes, especially when you're talking about some private things during a date.

In one of my dates, we talked about sex. When they showed it, *nahiya akong umuwi sa bahay* (laughs).

Why do you think your virginity had been an issue in the show?

Kasi endangered species *na kami*. They're thinking *na* stir *lang* 'yang si Marvel. I'm not saying that I'm going keep my virginity till the day I get married. But if ever I do it, it's going to be with my girlfriend. I'm not into one-night stands.

Any favorite episode?

I had grammatical errors and spoofs in the first five episodes. But after that, I really enjoyed it. I now want to extend it.

You did come off as very candid and genuinely funny. Apparently, you now have your share of fans.

I get text messages, e-mails and comments from the website. There are offensive ones, but that's just less than 10 percent. There are those who say "I love you," or "Marry me." *Yung mga* OK, I tell them to please send their pictures to my e-mail (laughs).

There was also a time when I was at the mall and someone shouted, "Marvel! Marvel!" But they kept on hiding. But the cutest was when one someone sent me a half-naked girl Kink Cake.

Any criticism that offended you?

There were some who said, "*Si* Marvel *jologs, ang pangit, minsan ang* oily *ng* skin," or "*Bading.*" But I'm not really vain *na nagre*-retouch. It's reality TV and I've learned how to deal with criticisms. It's part of it and I know I really can't please everyone.

Meet the girls

After Marvel, the cameras will soon start following the lives of three twentysomething women. The search for "The Single Girl" was launched on Aug. 29. But expect no catfight, for these charmers are just out to have some great time on live TV.

Witty and vibrant, the 24-year-old Asia apparently has a good head on top of her gorgeous bod. She can make you laugh as she sprinkles her stories with green puns. And you'll also be

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Mastering the skills of 'tawaran'

By Catherine Young
2bU! Correspondent

IT IS a popular yet almost unnoticed "sport," engaged in by all classes of society. The game is played not just in the noisy, crowded wet markets, but even in more rarefied halls of expensive jewelry stores. Even the rich are masters of the techniques needed to win the game. From ordinary farm produce to horrendously pricey antiques, few commodities are exempt from becoming the objects of haggling.

It's easy to see why almost everyone plays the game. With prices skyrocketing in spite of the supposedly improving economy, people often get less for their money. Haggling, when possible, allows the consumer to get more for the little amount he or she has.

So, when the situation allows price negotiation (i.e., flea markets and such), no self-respecting consumer should pass up the chance. It's a way of providing for basic needs at the least cost possible.

Strange allure

Aside from its financial benefits, haggling has a strange allure. Most people feel a need to fight, or at the very least argue, and doing so over inanimate objects is sometimes the only way to go. Each successful haggling session is like an hour's worth of therapy—people let go of their inhibitions to achieve a goal, a substantial discount for a purchase from a complete stranger. One feels triumphant after getting something for so much less.

Haggling is a psychological game, with the consumer pitting wits with a tenacious seller. It is also an exercise on the use of personal charm—finding a chink in the vendor's armor of resolve and winning him/her over. Of course, sometimes it is just a matter of how annoying a customer can get to persuade the seller to part with his goods.

Like any sport, haggling requires stamina to endure protracted arguments, mental and verbal skills to argue one's case for a lower price, and humility to graciously admit defeat when the opponent refuses to budge from his position.

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The haggling plan

And, as in any sport, effective haggling also requires constant practice. The skills for this non-violent and verbal combat do not come instinctively. Many techniques are employed for this seemingly simple challenge, and not all of them will spell advantage. The opponent—the seller—develops his battle plan from the moment he sees the prospective challenger. He assesses the customer's interest in his merchandise, how the buyer is dressed and speaks. His assessment would influence the price he would quote for his goods.

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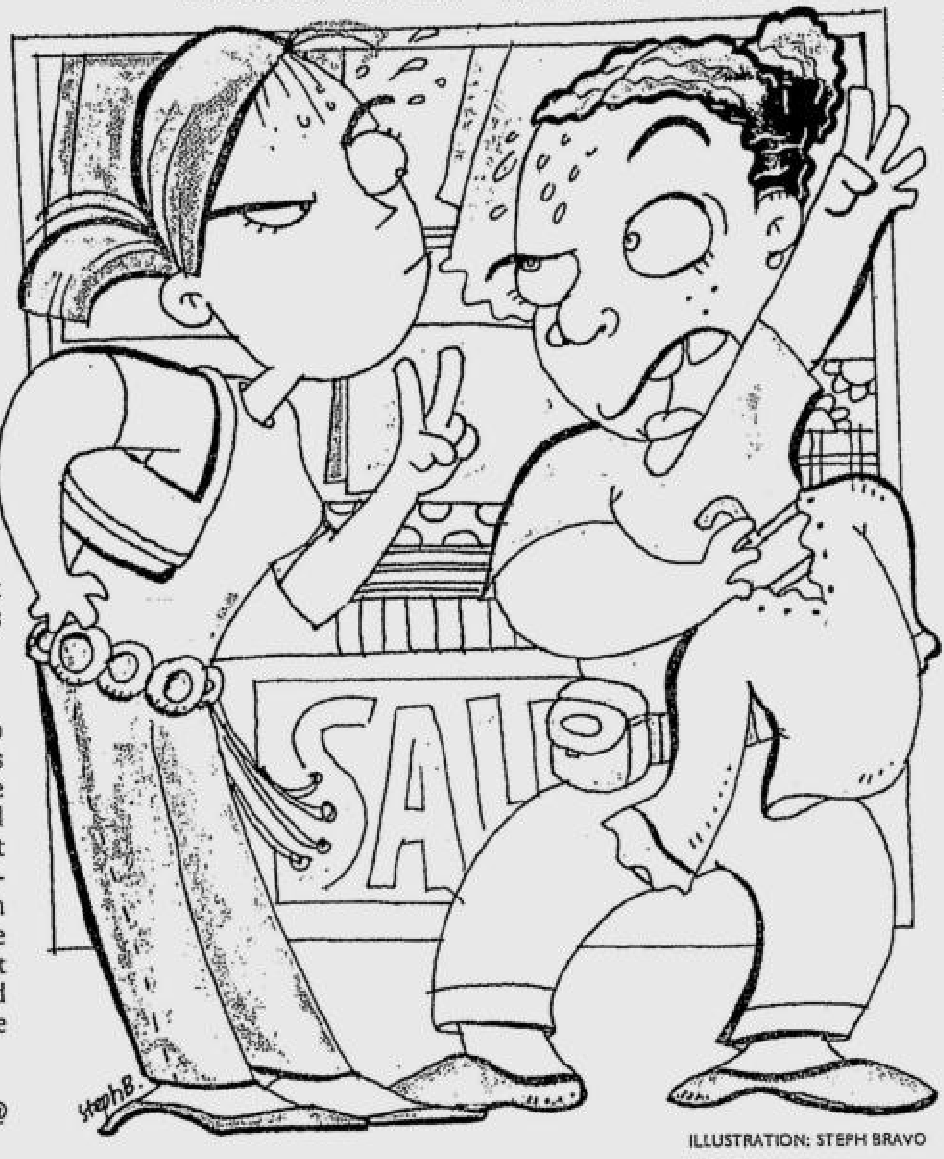

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Tips on haggling

- There is power in number. Even a salesman unmoved by your charms will be no match for a battalion of shoppers haggling at the same time. Incessant wheedling can work, but not all the time, as I know from experience.
- If the seller is not particularly pleasant, make subtle criticisms of the quality of the merchandise. This can make a desperate seller accept your offer.
- Always open your bid with an outrageously low price.
- Even if you can pay the full price, haggle anyway. It is a good exercise for your skill in argumentation and public relations.
- Even if you're not planning to buy the merchandise, haggle anyway. Again, it is a good way to exercise your skills. At the most, haggling is an art and, at the very least, a skill. It is a talent that takes on many forms and needs practice.

Colors at play

PURPLE ROMANCE. Ruffled top and embroidered skirt

COMFY COOL. Cotton lawn shirt and traveler pants

ADVENTUROUS leaps are taking place in the British India Travel Collection. Even if you choose to go short distances, you may want to keep in mind a few things.

Fresh colors and light fabrics are making themselves easier to slip into this season. The fashion and lifestyle house has taken the best fabrics, added splashes of color, and fashioned them into silhouettes you can wear with ease, comfort, contentment and reality.

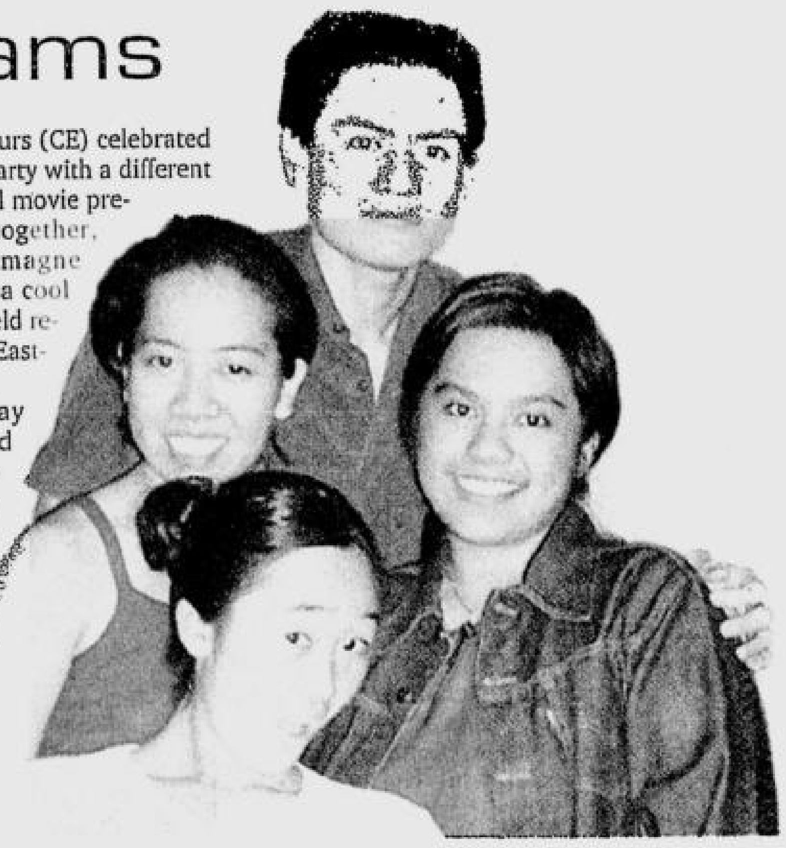
Fresh pastel colors of soft purple, lilac, light turquoise, and daring strong colors of orange, raspberry and bright blues are teaming up to complete the line.

With an array of styles using lycra, linen and silk, these fabrics inspire the ladies' tops. Pleated sleeves and embroidered floral motives give the collection an innocent and romantic feel. Drawstring linen pants, ankle-length cotton skirts, simple linen summer dresses and slim leather strap belts complete the ladies' collection.

The men's range carries relaxed cut, full-length denim pants and cotton short-sleeve, button-down shirts. Making menswear a little more attractive this season, British India has added paisley designs to its cotton shirts and tartan short-sleeve shirts to add a twist of style to the collection.

British India brings this season's latest at Cinderella Glorietta, Cinderella Megamall, Cinderella Greenbelt, Cinderella Alabang Town Center and Robinsons Place Ermita.

Prêt-à-porter party benefits outreach programs



UP'S Circle of Entrepreneurs (CE) celebrated its annual acquaintance party with a different twist. Instead of the usual movie premiere and a school get together, project head Charmagne Banaynal came up with a cool party and fashion show held recently at The Basement, Eastwood City.

Even a rainy Saturday night didn't stop the crowd from going to The Basement for the launching of the revolutionized CE shirt. Prêt-à-Porter ("ready to wear" en français) featured members of the organization who donned Levi's and SYC clothes.

In lieu of the usual ramp, a red carpet and chandelier were placed at The Basement's center. It served as the stage where the models strutted their stuff and students danced. The show climaxed with the presentation of stylish CE shirts.

Sponsored by INQUIRER 2bU!, Levi's, SYC, PLDT My DSL, Pulp and MTV Ink, the party was a fund-raising event for the Rico Yan Youth Foundation and several outreach programs. ***Celeste Gomez, 2bU! Correspondent***

Haven for multimedia enthusiasts

NOW entertainment is taken to higher grounds with the opening of Astroplus, the only one-stop multimedia store of its kind in the country today. The latest addition to the chain of Astrovision stores and the leading retailer of original videos, Astroplus, promises to be a haven to both movie fanatics and multimedia enthusiasts because, aside from original videos, compact discs and video games, Astroplus also carries top-of-the-line multimedia hardwares such as DVD players, Plasma TVs and home entertainment systems. For the cyber and telecommunication freaks, the store also boasts of its wide array of latest cell phones and computers.

Astroplus is housed in a 600-sq-m shop located at The Podium. The interiors combine modern materials, such as stainless steel and acrylic as well as classy wood and glass, to create a homey ambiance. Listening stations are strategically located to allow customers to check out the latest musical hits. And if they want to proceed to the ultimate in listening technology, they can explore the latest sound systems available.

ASTROPLUS at The Podium

National PR students confab set

THE SIXTH National PR Students Conference will be held Sept. 21, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Diosdado Macapagal Hall, Land Bank Plaza, M. H. del Pilar and Dr. Quintos Streets, Malate, Manila.

Organized by the Public Relations Society of the Philippines (PRSP) and hosted by Land Bank of the Philippines, the conference kicks off the PR Week activities. Proclamation No. 252, signed by former President Fidel Ramos, declares the period of Sept. 20-26 every year as Public Relations Week.

Land Bank president Gary V. Teves will expound on the conference theme "Synergies in Public Relations."

The speakers and topics lined up are Max Edralin, PR consultant of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (Central Bank), on "What is PR? Defining the Terms and Understanding the Concept"; Rene Nieva, president and chair of Perceptions Inc., "PR: Bridging the Corporate Objective and Societal Expectation"; Jones T. Campos, assistant vice president, Globe Telecom Inc.'s PR division, "Managing Relationship and Reputation through an Effective PR Program"; Yvonne Garcia Flores, education manager of Intel Philippines Manufacturing Inc., Dulce Festin-Baybay, PR head of ABS-CBN Foundation Inc., and Reynalita Manuel-Santana, public affairs director of Quezon Power Philippines Ltd. Co., on "Best PR Practices."

Winston A. Marbella, PRSP president and head of Marbella International Business Consultancy, and Roel S. Ramirez, senior assistant vice president for employee relations of the Development Bank of the Philippines, will give case-study presentations.

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Singles on 3 Sum

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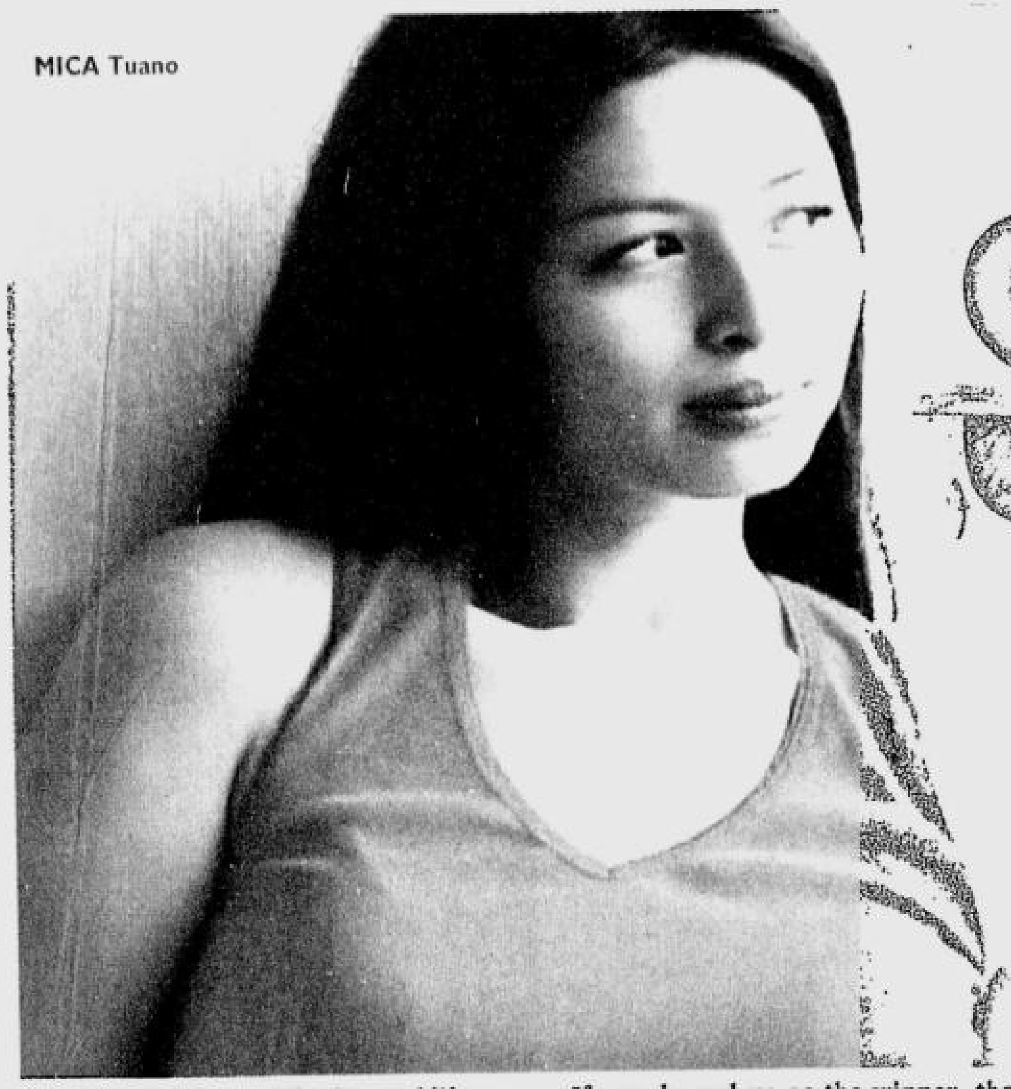

MICA Tuano

impressed with her multihyphenated life as a model-host-student-stylist.

With looks and talent to boot, Patty renders the vocals in her band Power. She exudes confidence and style so it surprises many that she's a late bloomer in the love department, having her first boyfriend only a few years ago, at the age of 20.

A Joyce Jimenez-lookalike, Mica is definitely a head-turner. Bubbly and spontaneous, the 23-year-old works as a copywriter in a top advertising agency. She's a classic beauty and brains combo, making it clear that she's no trophy girlfriend.

How did you end up on this show?

Asia (A): My friend tagged me along in the auditions. The idea of the show is so much fun. And I want people to know the crazy, funny and stupid stuff I do in a day.

Mica (M): Well, I know some people behind the show (laughs). I'm a broadcast communication graduate and they asked me to audition.

Patty (P): I saw their ad on the papers. I've always been interested in reality TV and it's something fun to do.

If you do end up as the winner, there will be a lineup of guys you'll be dating. Any type of guy you dread hanging out with?

A: I'll never go out with someone who's really stinky, and sorry for being offensive, but someone who's really big, like *hindi magkasya sa* sofa. And, also those who are so shallow. I'm a real talkative person, so when they can shut me up, that's the real challenge. They should have something in their brains.

M: It's okay if the guy isn't so brainy, *basta mabait*. Just no DOMs please.

A: But how about Pierce Brosnan?

M: Well, he's different (laughter).

P: I won't go out with someone I can't stand looking at. He has to be neat. I also don't like a guy who can't carry a conversation.

What's your stand on courtship?

A: If I date somebody and we start talking for five minutes, I already know if I like him or not. For me, *'di na uso ang* courtship. *Basta gusto ko, gusto ko.*

M: Any form of wooing, I take it as courtship. Whether they say *na kain lang sa labas* or *hatid lang sa bahay*. Dalagang Pilipina *ako* (laughs).

P: I go out with a guy if I know he has potential, like if there's something we can work on. But I hate flowers, chocolates and stuffed toys.

ASIA Agcaoili

PATTY Ragaza

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Ever asked a guy out?

A: I'm very aggressive. I can ask a guy out.

M: I ask a guy out, but not outright. *Pakipot kunwari* (laughs).

P: I surprise myself sometimes. Maybe I would, depending on the guy. But I really prefer meeting guys through friends.

Any fear now that you'd become "public property"?

M: My fear is if they say, "*Ang taba-taba naman ng babaeng 'yan!" Pero payat ako* in person, plus 10 pounds *lang* on TV! (Laughs) And you're really going to lose your privacy.

A: If they say "*Ang itim-itim ko, nognog.*" Okay, *magpapa*-bleach *ako. Pero maputi talaga ako, mukha lang akong maitim* (laughs).

P: My worst fear is when they'll say, "*Sino ba 'yan, walang* 'K.' *Sino ba nagbigay ng karapatan diyan* to be on TV? Waste of air time!" But once you're on TV, you really have to open yourself to criticisms.

Any last pitch before the voting starts?

P: I think I lead a very interesting life. And you can also get good music.

M: Just watch the show, it's for them to judge.

A: I have such a versatile personality. I can hang out with (all sorts of) people, from the elite to the *jologs*. I go all around. I can show them what single life is like.

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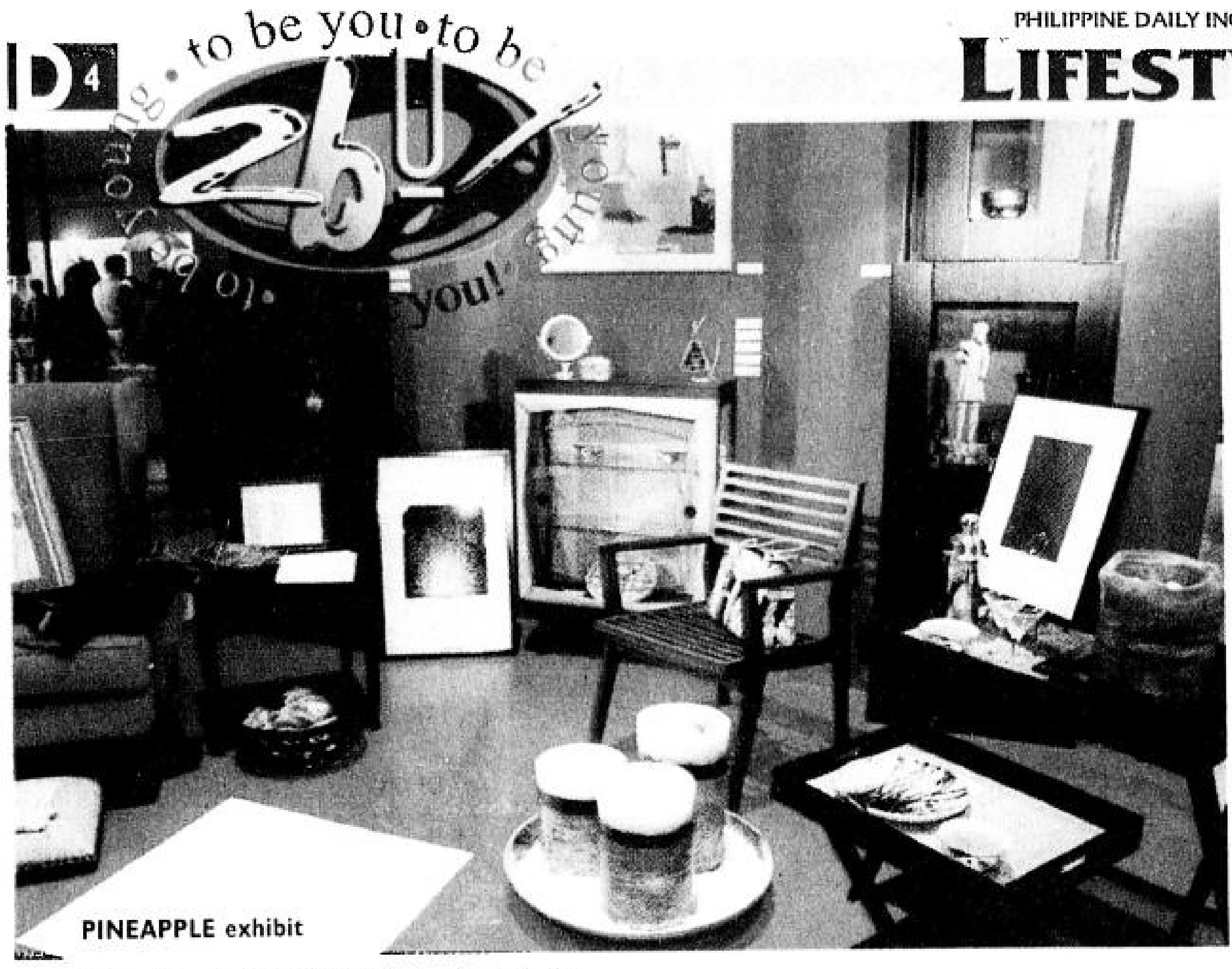

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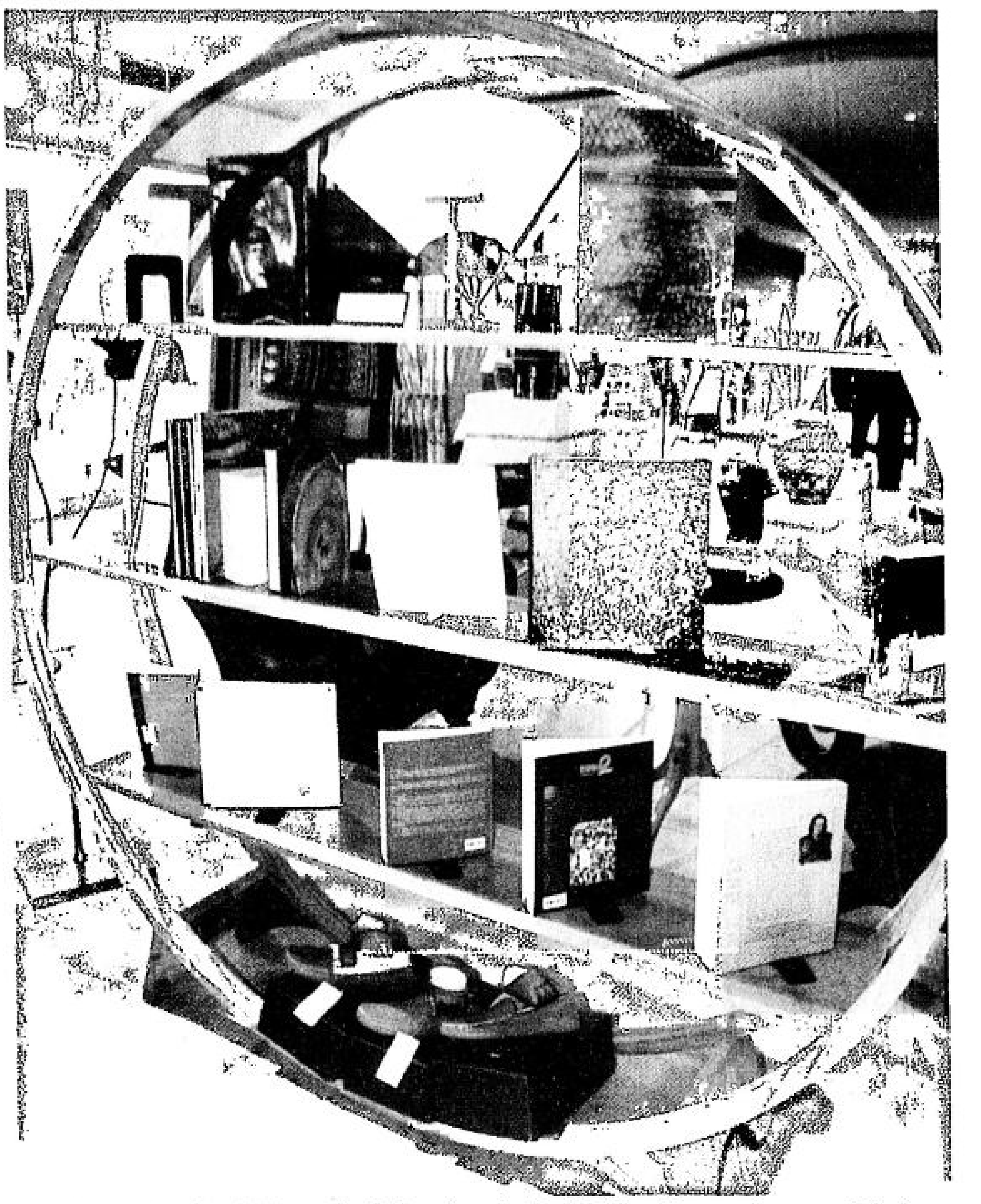

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Three Greenbelt stores will auction off celebrity relics

Fame for sale

By Niño Mark M. Sablan
2bU! Correspondent

THINGS that belong to important and famous figures are considered treasures. Erap's signature wristbands may be trivial to some but are actually of high value in a world crazy about celebrities.

There is an exciting market for celebrity relics, but three of the finest stores in Greenbelt 3 are tapping on that market for a good cause. In cooperation with the Ayala Museum, ABT Designs, Pineapple and Soumak Bed N Beddings will hold "Celebrity Market," a showcase and sale of celebrity merchandise. Proceeds will go to charity.

Among the many interesting items on sale are art pieces (such as Robby Mananquil's lithograph print and Raymund Isaac's "Plate #1," a black-and-white art photo of a bald naked man doing crunches) and literature (signed copies of books by Carmen Guerrero Nakpil and Ambeth Ocampo). There are also sports souvenirs (an autographed cue stick from Fritz Puyat bearing the signatures of Django Bustamante and Efren Bata Reyes), home décor (Tim Yap's metal floor lamp and Celine Lopez's silver mirror) and clothes (Leica Carpo's velvet jacket).

Some of the stuff are historically relevant (the original sash that was draped over Gloria Diaz the night she was crowned Miss Universe 1969 or the vest Ces Drilon wore when she covered Edsa II) while some are plain cute (Tina Tinio's Hello Kitty wall clock, Kamiseta shirts and walking shoes).

Show-biz buffs are also in for a treat. Gina Alajar parts ways with what she wore when she won Best Supporting Actress for "Mulanay" in the 1996 Famas Awards. Jackie Lou Blanco is represented by a Caribbean-inspired outfit she wore during her "GMA Supershow" days.

Chat Silayan donates a pricey Hermes scarf, a gift from her brother-in-law, and sexy body stockings. "They've been with me for eight years now, but I never really got to use them for some reason. I don't have a problem with giving away stuff. I'm not the type who has an emotional baggage," she said.

The good news is more celebrities will donate to the auction. Another good thing is that all the items (reserved, paid for or not) will remain at the Greenbelt 3 ground-floor lobby until Oct. 6 for everyone to enjoy. The best thing about the "Celebrity Market" is that all proceeds will provide educational assistance to the students of the Iraya Mangyan High School and College and livelihood aid for the Laguindingan rural folk.

Now if only "Celebrity Market" puts on sale those unwashed white towels the Rexona Boys wore in that commercial...

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The hot British R&B group proves that a boy band can have soul

Red-hot Blue

By Maureen Tracy Limpe Tañedo
2bU! Correspondent

WHILE in my seat and contemplating whether the set of questions I had prepared would fit in the allotted time, I muttered to my friend Erin, "But then again, time really does *fly by* so quickly," not realizing I had given a wooly pun of my own. British pop/ R&B vocal group Blue does that to you.

Up close, not only do their striking good looks catch even the most unobservant person's gaze but their uncanny sense of humor all the more holds the audience spellbound. And yet, they manage to come off as some of the most down-to-earth men you've ever met.

Exuding irresistible guys-next-door appeal, three-fourths of Blue met with the press recently before performing at the NBC Tent to cap off their three-day Manila sojourn. Duncan James, Antony Costa and Simon Webbe gamely answered a slew of questions fired at them.

Asked how fourth member Lee Ryan was, Duncan answered, "He's absolutely fine. He's just a bit sore, a bit depressed, a bit bored because he didn't get to be with us, but he's fine." Simon commented, "It always feels weird when one of us is not with the group." Lee recently met a minor accident while go-karting and was advised by doctors to stay home and recuperate.

Nevertheless, the remaining members earnestly pushed through with their Asian promo tour. "Asia's a big place and a great market for us and we just had to come over and say 'thank you' and show our appreciation," the group said. "We wanna try and come back as often as we can."

What's their favorite Blue video? "I don't really have a favorite. I didn't like 'All Rise,'" Antony laughed. "Yeah, I was fat in that video," Duncan agreed. Apparently, these guys do not take themselves too seriously; they can poke fun at themselves.

Blue was not afraid to dodge inevitable comparisons with other groups. "When we first started, people were comparing us to Another Level, an R&B group in the UK," Simon said, citing the legendary Motown sound as one of their influences. "With Blue, our shows are never choreographed," Duncan said. "We are no 'N Sync."

And the formula (or lack thereof) seems to be working well. Aside the commercial success of its debut album, "All Rise," Blue has also won the approval of critics and trade publications such as Heat and Music Week. The group has also laid claim to numerous Best Newcomer titles such as those from the poll-based Smash Hits Awards and the celebrated Brit Awards, proving that talent and determination can earn the respect and admiration of many.

And that was just for the year 2001. The group's upcoming single, R&B-tinged "One Love," hits the airwaves on Oct. 24. Come Nov. 11, Blue's yet-to-be-titled sophomore album

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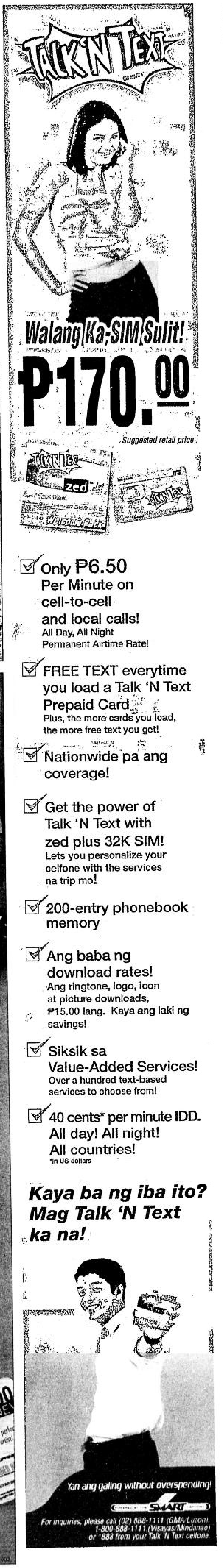

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Two completely different breeds

By Emmanuel V. Papa
2bU! Correspondent

REVIEWS

Greyhoundz and Lil Bow Wow try to elude the sophomore jinx

LIL Bow Wow

Greyhoundz
By Greyhoundz
Sony Music

THIS time, they're louder, howl-ing with atomic fury. The titans of rap/ heavy metal, the Greyhoundz are back with their self-titled album. The band—made up of Reg Rubio on vocals, Audie Avenido and Allen Cudal on guitars, Nino Avenido on bass, and TJ Brillantes on drums—came up with the head-banging "Pigface," their first album, and returns with a more personal one.

The 'houndz start with "Even," which begins with a guitar scratch identical with a hungry wolf coming in for the kill. What's good about this song is that they used a Filipino version of a Jew's harp, making it sound tribal.

"Karmic," the first song free of aggressive riffs, talks of a love that feels good and yet is wrong ("Sacred/But she got me high/ Sacred/ What we felt should we deny?/Too cosmic/ Tragic, maybe karmic?"). In "Versus," the person seems to be in a constant struggle to break free from what appeared at first as sweet, harmless temptation ("Then you said come touch me/ I got burned/ But now I've learned/ That I've made and took the wrong turn"). In "Your Puppet and Clown," Rubio kicks off with a singing style reminiscent of Incubus front man Brandon Boyd, then rages on with his distinct greyhound growl ("Watch me fall/ Watch me need/ and enjoy"). This hard-hitting track portrays wicked manipulation and dominance in a relationship ("Step on my heart/ 'Cause you know I'd still smile/Strangle my neck/ 'Cause you know I'd still laugh").

The track "Pull" is akin to the song of the metal band Slayer for its rapid, brutal guitar works. "Candy Flip" takes listeners to a reckless drive then proceeds to a slow cruise. Rubio eats his words almost throughout the song, which contributes to the ditty's dizzying quality.

In "Quicksand," Rubio displays vocal flexibility, creating the illusion that the band has three vocalists.

In "Bonfires and Sandcastles," the band depicts an all-out party. The track initially veers away from hatred then returns to being "noisy" during the chorus, making it an annoying chatter rather than plain merry-making.

The last song, "For Kristiane," is Greyhoundz's take on a love song. And when Rubio spits fury through the lines "I adore you! You are my bliss!" one is convinced that this is not the typical glam-rock ode to love. It's a love song that roars.

The album is full of hatred, betrayal and deception intensified by Cudal and Avenido's concrete-crushing, polished guitar artistry. These metal twin gods make up for Rubio's cryptic growls, which sometimes become overbearing. Greyhoundz should incorporate more indigenous Filipino instruments to add more flavor to its sound.

Let's just hope that the sophomore jinx doesn't infect the band. Listeners should turn up the volume and bark bad luck away.

Doggy Bag
By Lil Bow Wow
Sony/Columbia

SMOOTH funk rapper Snoop Dogg saw him. And the rest was history. Bestowed Lil Bow Wow, and now under the guidance of So So Def CEO Jermaine Dupri, Bow Wow has been making waves as one of the very few teenage rappers in the music industry.

Born Shad Moss, the 14-year-old Atlanta-based rhymer is currently the epitome of success. He has a very successful debut album, "Beware of Dog," gets to hang out with Philadelphia all-star guard Allen Iverson, and plays basketball with the kids of—guess who?—Michael Jordan.

In his second album, "Doggy Bag," the young pup gets to be more boastful compared to his first outing, where he basically just dreamed of being a big star.

Doggy Bag opens up with the first track "We Want Weezy," sort of a "welcome to the party" track. Next is a barrage of self-assured, boastful tracks—"Get Up," "The Wickedest" and "Take Ya Home" ("I'm the hottest thing around/ neck full of bling bling/ like the Neptune sound").

In "Crazy", one of the finest tracks in this album, Bow Wow shakes up listeners with his rapid-fire style of rapping, comparing himself to a much older rapper ("See it's like this, when you rap/ people just clap/ When I rap, they shed tears/ They know this so-so flow crazy like Britney Spears").

Profanity-free lyrics and originality are what sets Bow Wow apart from the older "dogs."

Despite all the kiddie braggadocio, he shows down-to-earth humility in "Thank You," where he expresses sincere gratitude to his fans, hometown neighbors and radio stations for their faith in his talent.

The boasting doesn't stop though, in one of his interludes, "Crazy Girls," where he speaks of how wild girls go when they see him. Well, let's just put in mind that he's still a kid.

Although "Doggy Bag" doesn't surpass the spunk and fizz of Bow Wow's debut, it assures the young pup a place all his own in the music community. I just heard that he had just dropped "Lil" from his moniker, because obviously, it would be awkward calling him "Lil" when he's 20. He needs maturity to enable himself to slug it out with the older dogs as he steps into a new kennel. And as his last line in the album goes: "When I'm 20/I'll be ridiculous!" Let's just hope all the bling bling doesn't get into his head and eventually stun his growth.

Red-hot Blue

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appears on record shelves everywhere. There seems to be no stopping these men now. Not bad for a red-hot Blue.

2bU! caught up with the charming Antony and had a spontaneous chat with him about Blue, Manila and Ant himself.

DUNCAN

SIMON

Antony: (Offering handshake) Hi, I'm Ant!

We know! (Laughter) Let's get to the more conventional questions first.

All right, shoot.

In a sea of pop vocal groups, what makes Blue stand out?

We've got soul, a refreshing sound that appeals to everyone—moms, dads, their kids, everyone. Of course, the teen market is always there, but then our music really appeals to everyone.

Have you met any of the competition?

Westlife. I'm really good friends with Bryan. They're all really nice blokes. I love Westlife!

Who are your personal musical influences?

George Michael, Robbie Williams, Oasis, Coldplay, and R&B, soul music.

You have quite an eclectic taste in music.

Definitely. If you see all my CDs, you'll be, like, "Hmmm, hmmm and hmm!" You know, they're all different.

Speaking of CDs, what's in your CD player right now?

Earth Wind & Fire, my favorite. Best of.

I wasn't born yet during that time!

So was I! They were my parents' time. Seventies music!

Fifties doo-wop is good, too. "In the Still of the Night."

Oh yeah, that's a really good song by [Fred Parris], right?

Yeah, the Five Satins! Simon, Duncan and Lee have tattoos. Do you have one?

No. I don't want to get one. I don't want to grow old with sagging skin and a tattoo!

If you had to get one, what would it be?

What would I get in return?

A million dollars.

A million dollars... Hmmm...

A million pesos.

(Laughs) Well, for a million dollars, if I really had to get one, I'd get my name around my left arm.

What's a regular day like for Ant?

Wake up, sign autographs, take pictures, go to interviews, sound checks, meet the fans...

No free time? What do you do to relax?

I like listening to music, or just watching TV.

You don't go out and party like famous people do?

(Laughs) Last year. But the workload doesn't allow me to get out much. When you're tired, everyone will notice.

Being with Blue is the culmination of a dream. Is there anything else you want to achieve with Blue?

Definitely, it's a dream come true. We just want to be successful in music. We don't want to be known just for our looks, we want to get our music out there.

And after Blue?

I want to go into producing music, maybe some writing, but I would really like to go into acting.

Do you guys have a wish list of people you would want to work with?

Me and Duncan would love to work with Robbie Williams.

You were a big Take That fan, huh?

They were great. Loved them!

I loved their cover of "How Deep is Your Love."

Really? Who was your favorite?

Robbie Williams is cool, but I liked Gary Barlow.

Robbie Williams is great! He's the best.

So the new album is coming out soon.

Yep! Nov. 11, watch out for it.

Send us a copy, won't you?

Sure, we will! Expect a Blue feel to it. We still have our ballads, like "Best in Me," songs produced by Stargate ("All Rise," "Fly By"), Motown-influenced tracks. We were more hands-on. We wrote a lot of songs for this album. "One Love" was written by all of us.

How's Manila so far?

Oh, Manila's hot. Very hot!

Figuratively and literally.

Yes, both! The fans are really, really nice. The people are great. We'll be back next year. We haven't been out that much to see Manila yet, but I think we're going out tonight.

With reports from Erin Laborada

Blue's debut album "All Rise" is available in a special repackaged Asian edition with a free VCD of track remixes and videos at record stores everywhere. The highly successful single "Best in Me" continues to climb music charts in the country.

Practice minimalism in choosing makeup

Vanity Fare

Lora Gabol

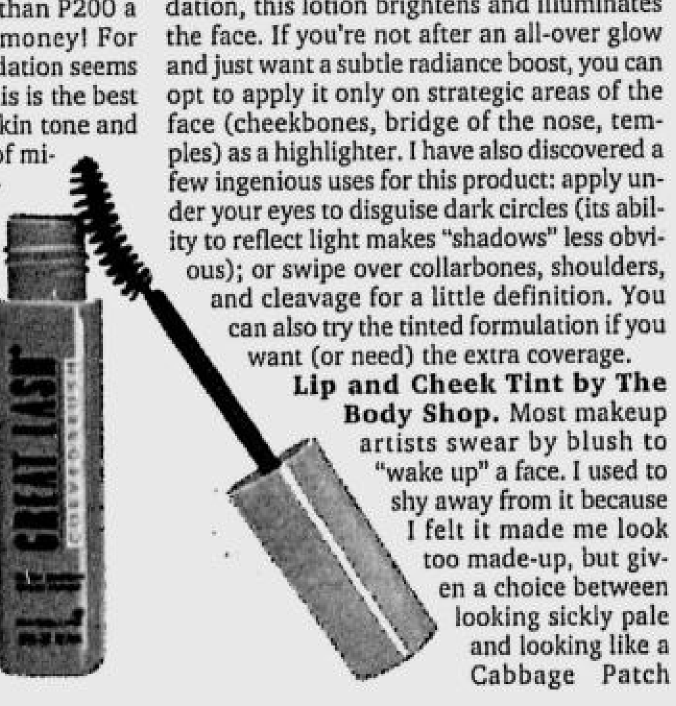
I USED to have five different *kikay* kits: one for my face, another for my cheeks, one for my eyes, another for my lips, and a last one for the many extras that I couldn't cram into the others anymore. My collection, obviously, had gone beyond "kit"—it was more like *kikay* luggage.

Although I was never a makeup person (if that means someone who actually uses a ton of makeup products), I had a beauty-product fetish. I would buy something because "I'd probably have the guts to use it someday" or worse, because "it's so cute!" Needless to say, a lot of my purchases ended up in the trash bin. I needed a "*kikay* kit makeover."

It was difficult to part ways with my "collection," but I finally pared down the number of items in my kit.

I have narrowed down my choices to the basics. These products are must-haves in their own right. All versatile and available in shades and formulations that complement any skin tone and skin type, I believe these products are worthy of a place in my ideal *kikay* kit, and also in yours.

Nivea Tinted Moisturizer. The ultimate multitasking skin care/makeup product every girl must have in her vanity kit. A moisturizer, sunscreen and makeup base in one, this is a steal at less than P200 a tube. Talk about value for money! For those humid days when foundation seems to slide right off your face, this is the best alternative. It evens out the skin tone and knocks back the appearance of minor blemishes while delivering a fresh, dewy look to dry or normal skin. However, for those with overactive oil glands, take heed: a dusting of loose or pressed powder is required. The natural-toned cream actually adjusts to your own skin color, but Nivea has come up with a lighter shade for those with extremely fair skin.



Neutrogena Fine Fairness UV Compact with SPF. I'm a sucker for products with built-in sun protection—I don't care too much about getting a tan (I'm in dire need of one!), but the sun dries my face faster than you can say SPF. I am also a firm believer in multitasking—hence, making this baby from Neutrogena an instant best friend. You can easily adjust the coverage (from light to heavy) it gives by wetting the applicator sponge that comes with the compact, but used either way, you can bid adieu to that chalky look we all hate. Fair-skinned girls can go for the light and rosy beige shades, while the natural shade flatters *morenas*. The best thing of all? A few weeks after I started using this licorice- and Vitamin C-infused powder, my post-zit scars have faded into almost nothing!

Glow Enhancer by The Body Shop. For those who like a gleaming complexion without looking like a mirror ball, this is a must-have. Also an alternative to liquid foundation, this lotion brightens and illuminates the face. If you're not after an all-over glow and just want a subtle radiance boost, you can opt to apply it only on strategic areas of the face (cheekbones, bridge of the nose, temples) as a highlighter. I have also discovered a few ingenious uses for this product: apply under your eyes to disguise dark circles (its ability to reflect light makes "shadows" less obvious); or swipe over collarbones, shoulders, and cleavage for a little definition. You can also try the tinted formulation if you want (or need) the extra coverage.

Lip and Cheek Tint by The Body Shop. Most makeup artists swear by blush to "wake up" a face. I used to shy away from it because I felt it made me look too made-up, but given a choice between looking sickly pale and looking like a Cabbage Patch Kid, I'd take the latter any day. But since I found the perfect product that gives me that just-pinched glow, I don't even have to risk looking like a doll. A little of this liquid tint goes a long way, so take it easy on the application and remember to blend well for the perfectly flushed look. This also gives the lips a hint of color, and works well as a lipstick base (did I hear multitasking again?). I use it in 01, a deep pink that suits *mestiza* and lighter Oriental skin tones well. Duskier women get enough color with 02, a plum hue.

Chances are more than half of the stuff you've been carrying around in your 'kikay' kit is useless so chuck them and keep the bare necessities

Herbench Brow and Lash Contour Gel. If I only had time to "fix" one part of my face, it would be my eyebrows, hands down. I am the worst thing that ever happened to my stray brow hairs (and my sister's, my cousin's... you get the picture) as I was born with tweezers in my hand. But on days when I just can't pick on those "bangs" I have over my eyes, Herbench's clear mascara always does the trick. One stroke on each arch, and I'm good to go. And when my nasty little habit of rubbing my eyes takes over looking immaculately made-up, clear mascara on my lashes is the next best thing.

Maybelline Great Lash Mascara. On days when I really have to glam it up, I turn to black mascara. Anything more on my eyes and my tears are uncontrollable. This classic by Maybelline is still a favorite, simply because it does the job without the fuss and provides just enough drama that you can afford to skip the eyeliner. Just a reminder: always take the waterproof formula even when the sun is up and you don't intend to cry. Remember, moisture is everywhere, and we somehow manage to catch just enough for our mascara to smear. You wouldn't want to look like a raccoon now, would you?

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Dirty Girl Lip Luster. Most women take three steps to perfect lips. One, apply lip balm for moisture. Two, apply lip color. Three, layer on the gloss. With Dirty Girl's Lip Luster, however, I kill three birds with one stone. It moisturizes my lips, gives it a sheer, natural color and the just-licked shine of a gloss. Get it in Plum, a universally flattering shade.

Herbench Lip Gloss. For evening looks, this affordable lip gloss is your best bet. The tubes of shimmering color come in shades specially formulated for Filipina skin tones. Try Coy for neutral lips, Tease for a pale, sparkly pout, and Diva for a dramatic mouth. My favorite part? They take up so little space in my kit I don't have to sacrifice other stuff!

Oil-blotting sheets, eyelash curler, makeup brushes. Of course, we should not forget the non-makeup essentials that help realize our *kikay* kit's maximum "pretty-fying" potential.

The best *kikay* kit isn't necessarily the one with more choices. These days, minimalism also applies to our makeup routine, and these products prove that indeed, less could be more.

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Mobile phones go the slick route

Nokia 7650

By Jayvi Aruta
2bU! Correspondent

NOKIA'S latest addition to its roster looks sharper than James Bond on his best day. With the biggest front panel full-color screen yet, plus more new features than you can shake a stick at, the 7650 has a formidable resumé. In all honesty, reading the info sheets on the website (www.nokia.com) made me foam at the mouth. Bluetooth, polyphonic tones, GPRS, MMS... the list goes on.

Wait a second, the ladies seem to be losing interest already. No doubt, this is not a very "girly" phone. Its size doesn't really agree with tight pants or tops. It's available in one color, and no, you can't change it. Its biggest come-on is the impressive array of features meant to impress techies, if not anyone else.

The most text-crazy populace in the world will have a field day with the phone's multimedia messaging service (MMS), which allows you to send a message with text, sound and a picture. The 7650 is the only phone that lets you compose and send a complete MMS message out of the box.

Chances are, the phone you own now isn't MMS-compatible at all. If someone sends you a message, you'll have to pick it up on Globe's website. A few other phones can *receive* MMS, and a camera attachment is usually pricey. It's not a standard—not yet.

Say cheese!

That's why the built-in camera is such a big thing. It's definitely a big new splash in the world of cellular phones. The phone is able to store upwards of 40 pictures at its 640 x 480 "high-resolution" setting. You can even set a picture of good ol' No. 1 as your wallpaper. Your friends will undoubtedly crowd around asking to borrow it and snap away. Neat, huh?

Now get over it. Just like with every other *extra* feature (hey, it's really a phone, remember?), you have to think about whether you really *need* it. It might be useful if you were in some kind of business, but it's not made for much more than casual photography. The quality of photos it takes can be matched by almost any webcam, or those inexpensive, pocket-sized, Taiwan-made digicams.

In fact, most cheap digicams offer motion capture and some can even record sound simultaneously. The 7650 doesn't. It shouldn't have been too hard. Also, since the phone isn't equipped with a flash, forget about taking pictures in the dark. No spy cam for you!

Caveat

There's a caveat. Control is a lot easier than that old 7110 roller or other five-way controls (like the Ericsson T68), because the joystick doesn't veer off to one side when pushing it down. The keypad is wide and fits comfortably into a normal-sized human hand unlike smaller models. The feel of the keys is crisp and solid, so texting would have been a dream, if not for its design.

The phone is essentially two halves that slide apart, with just the battery and keypad in the lower half. It does look cool, but it feels wrong. The upper half, which is *not* the part your hand holds onto, is heavier. The result is a struggle to hold the phone up while pushing keys. Just like Pam Anderson has backaches, your hand will not be happy. Having to jump from the lower half to the upper half to press buttons is also very awkward.

It's actually light for its size, but the imbalance makes it feel rather kludgy. And while I'm thankful it didn't pull my pants down, the trade-off was another essential: battery life. The batt is usually one of the heaviest parts, so Nokia threw in the smallest one they have. Think of it as using a triple-A to power a refrigerator. It didn't last me a whole day.

For nice-sounding rings, there is also a price to pay: you'd have a bit of trouble hearing them. The ring volume is at best half that of older models. Even the alarm couldn't wake me up. Speaking of which, it's another one of those simple features that was bungled up (there's no snooze!) and thrown into the incomprehensible mess that is the phone menu.

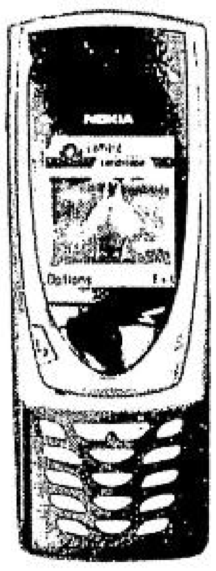
But is it a good *phone?*

If I haven't made it too clear, texting is not fun with the 7650. Doing it one-handed is a pain. And texting is not possible without looking. Talking is plain okay. The earpiece has a relatively small sweet spot. Even at dead center, you can't hear too much of what the other person is saying over usual mall noise. At a place with loud music, it may be all but useless. While it can play voice recordings loud, it's not even equipped with a speakerphone.

Phone companies have been churning out new models faster than ever. It's too bad that when fashion is the buyer's priority, the maker compromises function. It doesn't have to be that way with cell phones, but people who shoot cash from the hip encourage poor product development. Handling the phone makes me feel like it was rushed, since many annoyances could have been easily avoided.

The 7650 seems to have a bit of an identity crisis. I can't put my finger on what kind of user it's made for. It has good points for business users, casual users or fashionistas, but falls a little short of each group's needs. Maybe Nokia was trying to make it appeal to as wide an audience as possible. Well, try to please everybody, and you'd probably end up turning everyone off. The phone is filled with good ideas, but each one comes off as a halfhearted effort.

Not to worry, though. It's the first of its kind, so things will probably get better with future releases. Unless there's a very specific purpose it could serve you, hold off on the 7650. It's better borrowed than bought, since the excitement wears off rather quickly. You can get "oohs" and "ahhs," but those will only last until the next model, which is less than a breath away.



The new generation of cell phones incorporates multimedia features. Quite tempting for those with money to burn

Ericsson T68i Silver Podium

By Jason Doplito
2bU! Correspondent

IT may not be long before this nation upgrades from SMS-crazy (short messaging service) to an MMS-addicted (multimedia messaging service) country.

So what's the buzz with MMS? MMS-capable mobiles, like the Ericsson T68i, basically allow its users to send pictures, moving graphics, voice and sound to other MMS-capable units, which, otherwise, would've been impossible to do without the help of the Internet. With the T68i, there is no need to connect via WAP (wireless application protocol), which is an expensive way to get to the information highway via cell phone. Sending MMS is just as easy as sending a text message, maybe even better, since a picture, or for that matter, a two-part text message, is worth a thousand words.

So let's say you need to dress up for a date and you don't know if a certain look suits you. Instead of sending a really long text message, or having to call your best friend to describe your outfit, you can just send a picture of your clothes and ask her what she thinks. Or if a really hot girl just asked you for dinner and you just have to brag about it, you can now have proof to show your friends.

That is if they have a cell phone like yours. If you send an MMS to "ordinary" mobiles, they will have to check out your MMS at their cellular network's website. However, you don't have to worry about not being able to share your pictures to a whole lot of people since MMS is the way to the future. You would just have to wait for a few months or so (maybe until next year).

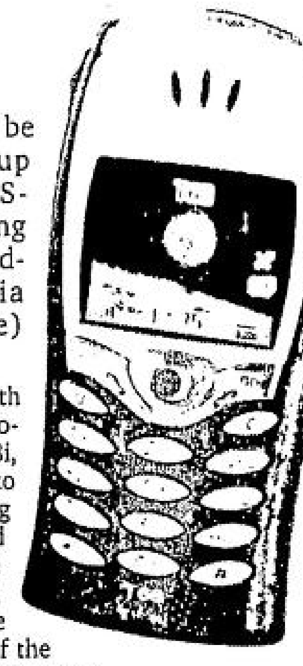
Of course, it follows that the Ericsson T68i is in full color. You can save pictures from the ones you've taken, received or downloaded from the Internet. The same goes for ring signals and sounds. To personalize your Ericsson, you can change your background picture from the phone's official logo to your favorite pet. It has a screensaver as well as a themes submenu so you can modify the text and background color combination. You can also adjust the text size and LCD (liquid crystal display) contrast.

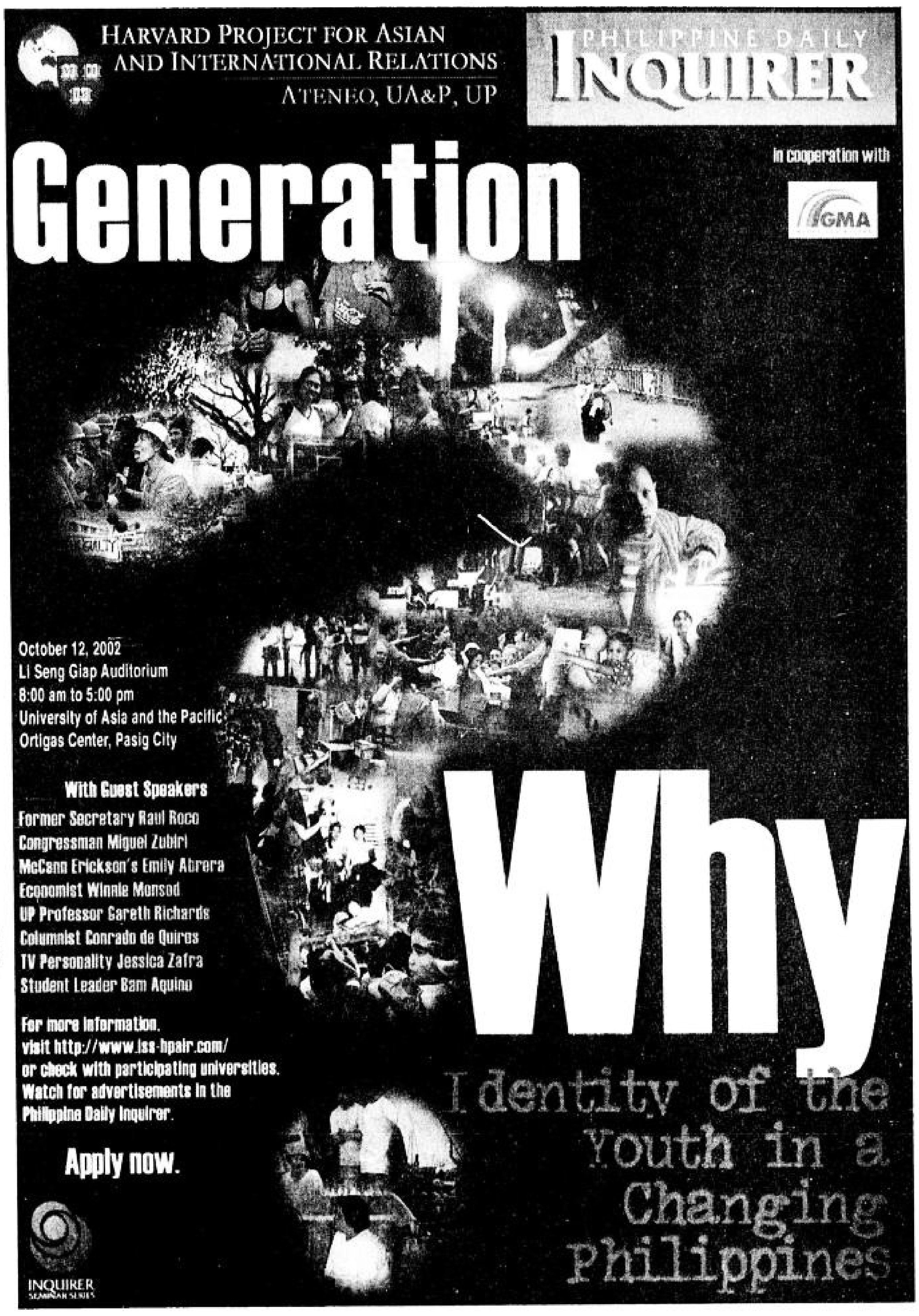
Problems solved

The great thing about the T68i is that it has solved some problems that we have learned to take for granted. Take, for example, its four dimensional joystick. Navigating through the menu of other cell phones can be quite tiring and irritating, especially if you're a new user and you haven't memorized the different submenus. The solution? Browsing through without lifting a finger. That's what the joystick (yes, it has a small one) does by letting you move the cursor in all directions with a click on function. The unit also has a PC-like interface, so the icon menus are shown all at once for easy navigation.

Need to know if your call is about to reach the one-minute mark? Enable the Minute Minder function, under the Sounds and Alerts function. Tired of having your ex ring your mobile? Simply create a list of numbers that would be accepted under the Manage Calls submenu. This is good especially if you want to run away from everything, except from your loved ones. Need to have reminders in your face? You can post notes right at the standby screen, through the Organizer menu. Feel like making fun of your friends? Assign them a monkey picture so it will flash on your screen whenever they ring you.

As for the usual features, it has a predictive text input, voice command, calendar, sound recorder, and long SMS feature (more than 160 characters). It can store 510 persons in the phone book, 49 of which can be assigned with voice tags. The only bad thing I noticed about the phone is that it doesn't register the number of the person who called you. This is necessary especially if the person isn't listed in your phone book. Also, you have to buy the camera separately (around P7,000) to use with your phone, which makes it more expensive as it is. Quite a price to pay just to be cool these days.

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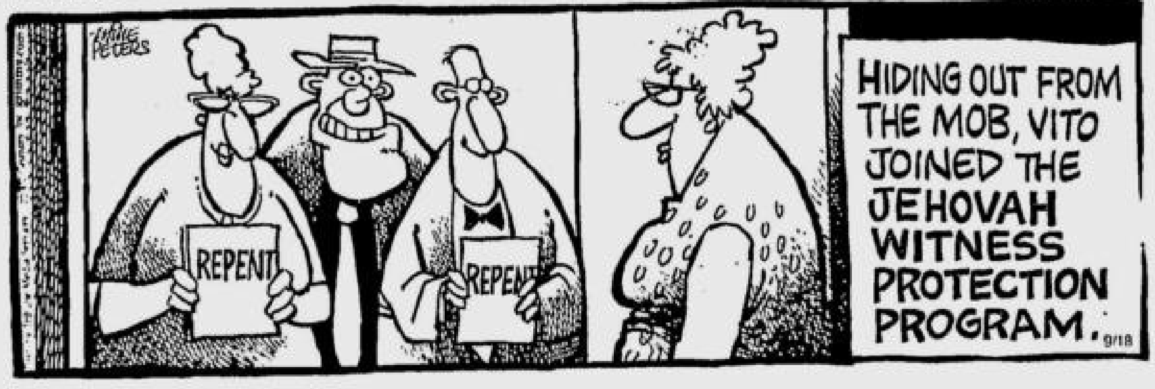
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ATOMO AND WEBOY

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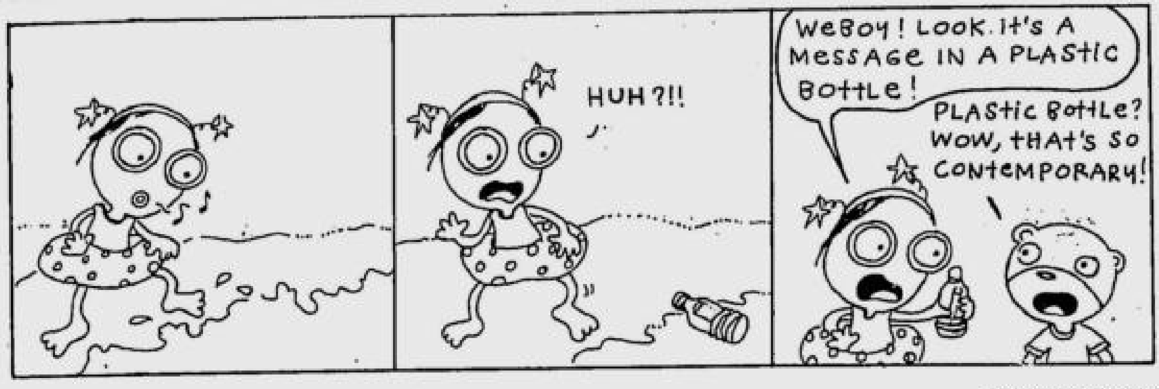
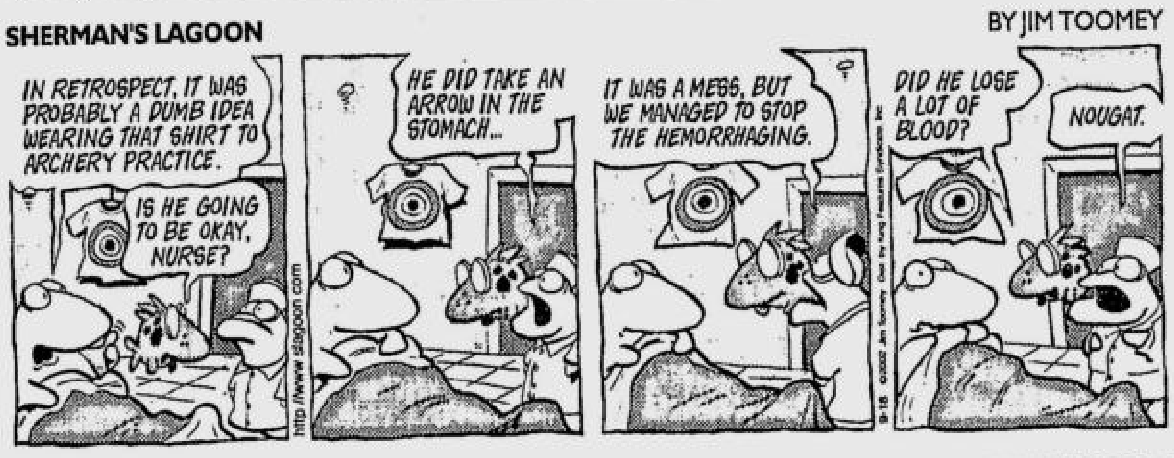

HUH?!!
WeBoy! Look. It's A Message IN A PLASTIC Bottle!
PLASTIC Bottle? WOW, tHAt's so CONTEMPORARY!

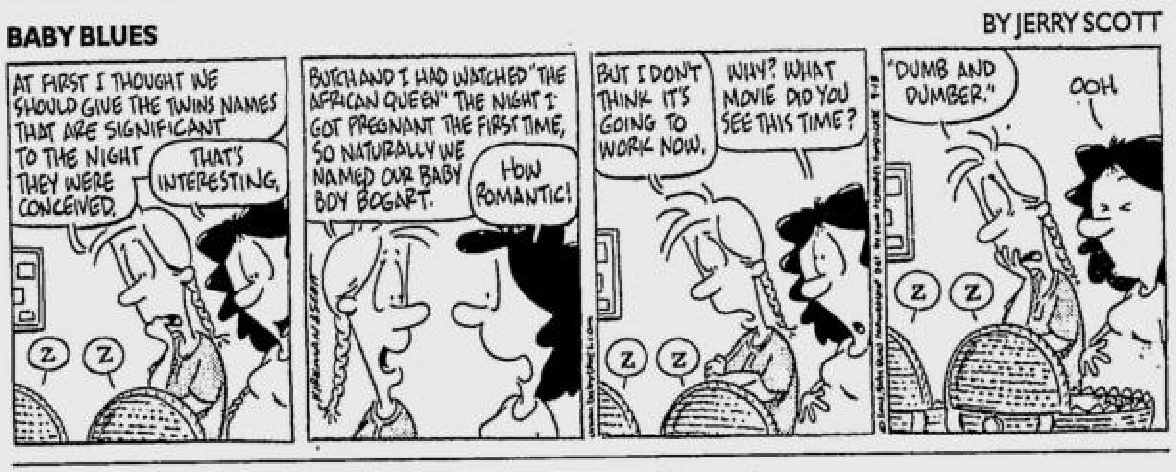
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


IN RETROSPECT, IT WAS PROBABLY A DUMB IDEA WEARING THAT SHIRT TO ARCHERY PRACTICE.
IS HE GOING TO BE OKAY, NURSE?
HE DID TAKE AN ARROW IN THE STOMACH...
IT WAS A MESS, BUT WE MANAGED TO STOP THE HEMORRHAGING.
DID HE LOSE A LOT OF BLOOD?
NOUGAT.
http://www.slagoon.com

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


AT FIRST I THOUGHT WE SHOULD GIVE THE TWINS NAMES THAT ARE SIGNIFICANT TO THE NIGHT THEY WERE CONCEIVED.
THAT'S INTERESTING.
BUTCH AND I HAD WATCHED "THE AFRICAN QUEEN" THE NIGHT I GOT PREGNANT THE FIRST TIME, SO NATURALLY WE NAMED OUR BABY BOY BOGART.
HOW ROMANTIC!
BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO WORK NOW.
WHY? WHAT MOVIE DID YOU SEE THIS TIME?
"DUMB AND DUMBER."
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HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Frankie Avalon, Greta Garbo, James Gandolfini

Happy Birthday: You will be inclined to make too many promises and take on too many challenges this year. Avoid being pushed in a direction that you don't feel good about. If you take control of your life, you can turn negatives into positives. Your numbers are 5, 17, 26, 29, 30, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get into a group that will allow you the creative freedom you need to expand your mind. The more outgoing and enthusiastic you are, the easier it will be for you to get others to support your ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Immediately take care of whatever problems crop up. This is not the time for you to be stubborn or difficult to deal with. You may need to apologize.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The more you do to open your mind to new ideas the better you will feel about your future. The inspiration you receive from others will help you decide what it is you want to accomplish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you haven't been putting enough money away you may find yourself running a little short. Poor investments may be the cause for your financial dilemma or an inability to say no to loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you have made someone a promise, you'd better keep your word or prepare to face the music. Your partner may want a commitment or promise of some sort, and you'd better be ready.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get all promises in writing today. Although this can turn out to be a very favorable time for you, you must play it smart and leave nothing to chance. An older relative may require your assistance..

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make plans to pamper yourself. A day at the spa or a sports event with some friends will take your mind off your everyday routine and bring you in contact with someone who inspires you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You should reach out and help an older family member. Your ability to handle serious matters will make your family feel secure, but don't do so at the cost of ruining your health or stretching your finances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will enjoy the company of foreigners and should travel to an exotic destination. Get involved in cultural events that will lead to new friendships with people from different backgrounds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This is a good time to reevaluate your position. You have more options than you think. Do your research and talk to as many people as you can about your intentions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Let your creative side take over. You will be able to come up with a great new plan that should point you in an exciting direction. Idle time will be your worst enemy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): This can turn out to be a lucrative day if you get involved in money matters with other people. You will have luck where contracts and legal matters are concerned.

Birthday Baby: You will be disciplined and hard-working, clever and caring. You will be incredibly thoughtful and always have wonderful solutions to problems that arise.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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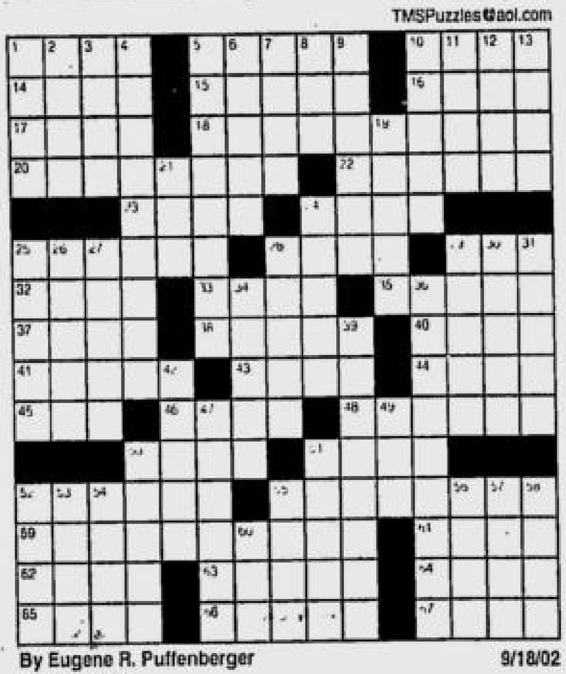

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ACROSS

1 Heroic poem
5 Ulan __, Mongolia
10 Olden days
14 Lima's land
15 Main island of Vanuatu
16 Toward shelter
17 Tract of land
18 Flee
20 Former D.C. nine
22 Maps in maps
23 River of Africa
24 Prod
25 Fused together
28 Low joint
29 Chart
32 One with regrets
33 People of "The Time Machine"
35 Andes ruminant
37 Moises of baseball
38 Below, in poems
40 Greek Cupid
41 Pasta choice
43 Other
44 __ it the truth?
45 Pedro's Mrs.
46 __ mater (brain covering)
48 Wreak havoc upon
50 Flippers
51 Hand over
52 Lace tips
55 Board members
59 Flee
61 Garfield's pal
62 Uncommon
63 Popeil company
64 Claret or rose
65 Keats works
66 "Skittle Players" painter
67 Requirement

DOWN

1 Actor Omar
2 Soccer great
3 Pig or cast follower
4 Flee
5 Indebted
6 In flames
7 Makes lace
8 Ex-Giant Mel
9 Employ again
10 Analyze a sentence
11 Lotion additive
12 Resting spot
13 Turner and Knight
19 Actress Georgia
21 Cravat
24 Modules
25 Coats and cloaks
26 Swiss mathematician
27 Hotelier Helmsley
28 Quantas marsupial
29 Soprano Callas
30 In the midst of
31 Glue
34 Lascivious looks
36 Flee
39 Immediately after this
42 Singer Piaf
47 Al and Bobby of auto racing
49 Want __
50 Outdoor festivals
51 "Operator" singer
52 '60s hairstyle
53 Pleased
54 Harp family member
55 Inflection
56 Actress Falco
57 "__ kleine Nachtmusik"
58 Potential plant
60 Foldaway bed

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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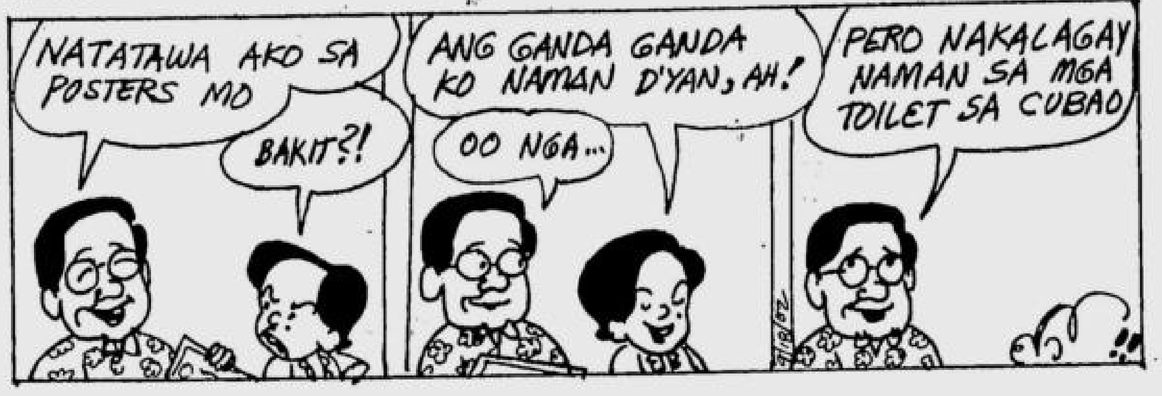
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BAKIT?!
ANG GANDA GANDA KO NAMAN D'YAN, AH!
OO NGA...
PERO NAKALAGAY NAMAN SA MGA TOILET SA CUBAO

PUGAD BABOY

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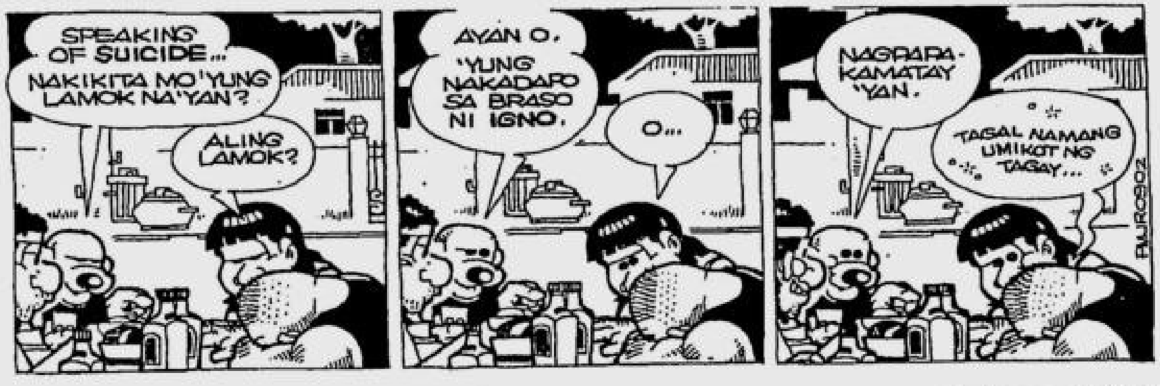
SPEAKING OF SUICIDE... NAKIKITA MO'YUNG LAMOK NA'YAN?
ALING LAMOK?
AYAN O. 'YUNG NAKADAPO SA BRASO NI IGNO.
O...
NAGPAPAKAMATAY 'YAN.
TAGAL NAMANG UMIKOT NG TAGAY...
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SIMO

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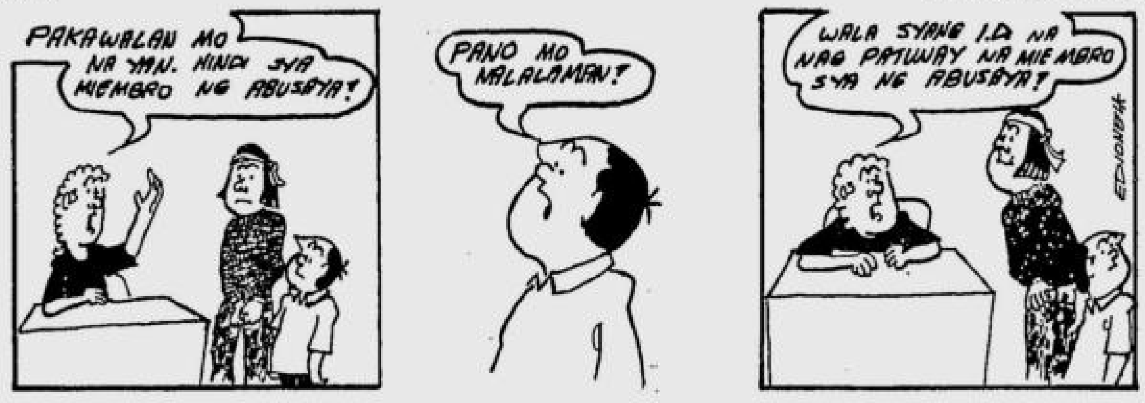
PAKAWALAN MO NA YAN. HINDI SYA MIEMBRO NG ABUSAYA!
PANO MO MALALAMAN?
WALA SYANG I.D. NA NAG PATUNAY NA MIEMBRO SYA NG ABUSAYA!
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MUTTS

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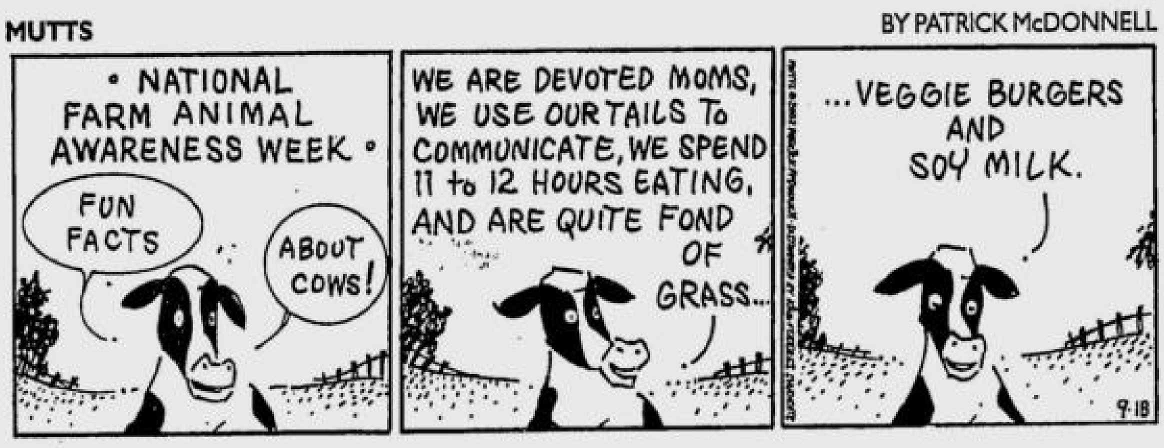
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FUN FACTS
ABOUT COWS!
WE ARE DEVOTED MOMS, WE USE OUR TAILS To COMMUNICATE, WE SPEND 11 to 12 HOURS EATING, AND ARE QUITE FOND OF GRASS...
...VEGGIE BURGERS AND SOY MILK.
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BEN

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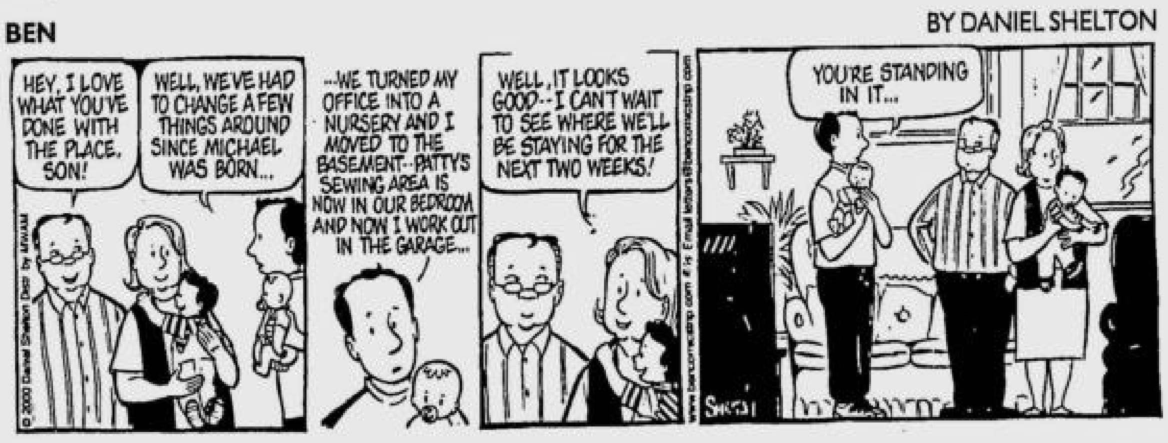
HEY, I LOVE WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH THE PLACE, SON!
WELL, WE'VE HAD TO CHANGE A FEW THINGS AROUND SINCE MICHAEL WAS BORN...
...WE TURNED MY OFFICE INTO A NURSERY AND I MOVED TO THE BASEMENT--PATTY'S SEWING AREA IS NOW IN OUR BEDROOM AND NOW I WORK OUT IN THE GARAGE...
WELL, IT LOOKS GOOD--I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHERE WE'LL BE STAYING FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS!
YOU'RE STANDING IN IT...
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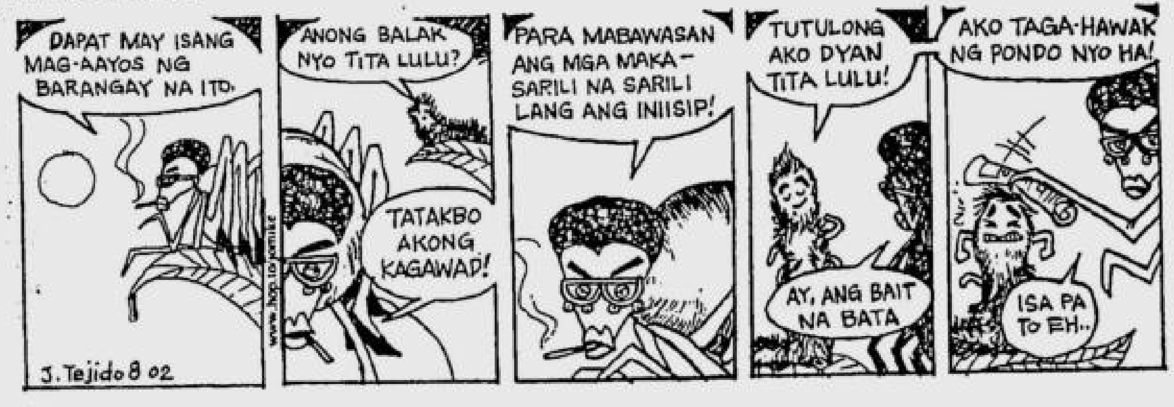
MIKROKOSMOS

BY JOMIKE TEJIDO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ANONG BALAK NYO TITA LULU?
TATAKBO AKONG KAGAWAD!
PARA MABAWASAN ANG MGA MAKA-SARILI NA SARILI LANG ANG INIISIP!
TUTULONG AKO DYAN TITA LULU!
AY, ANG BAIT NA BATA
AKO TAGA-HAWAK NG PONDO NYO HA!
ISA PA TO EH..

KIKO MACHINE

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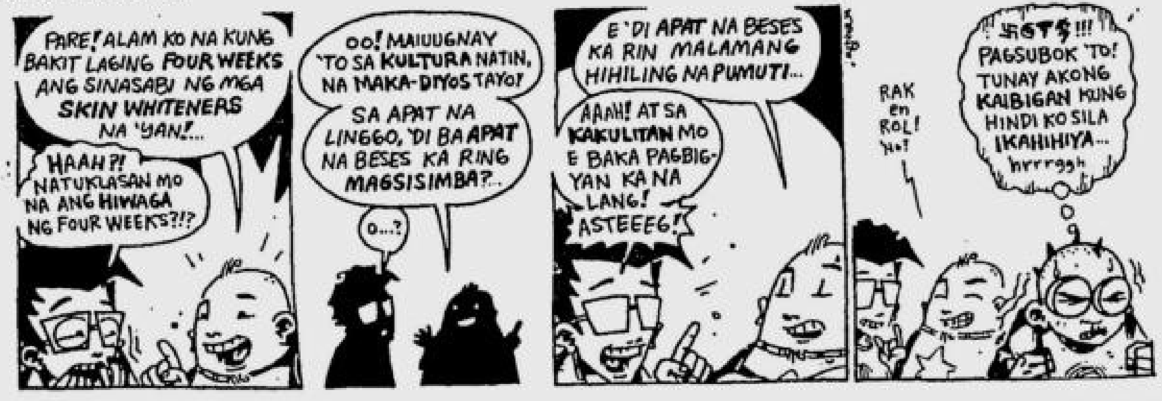
PARE! ALAM KO NA KUNG BAKIT LAGING FOUR WEEKS ANG SINASABI NG MGA SKIN WHITENERS NA 'YAN!...
HAAH?! NATUKLASAN MO NA ANG HIWAGA NG FOUR WEEKS?!?
OO! MAIUUGNAY 'TO SA KULTURA NATIN, NA MAKA-DIYOS TAYO!
SA APAT NA LINGGO, 'DI BA APAT NA BESES KA RING MAGSISIMBA?..
O...?
E 'DI APAT NA BESES KA RIN MALAMANG HIHILING NA PUMUTI...
AAAH! AT SA KAKULITAN MO E BAKA PAGBIGYAN KA NA LANG! ASTEEEG!
RAK en ROL! Yo!
#T!!! PAGSUBOK 'TO! TUNAY AKONG KAIBIGAN KUNG HINDI KO SILA IKAHIHIYA... hrrrggh

LOVEKNOTS

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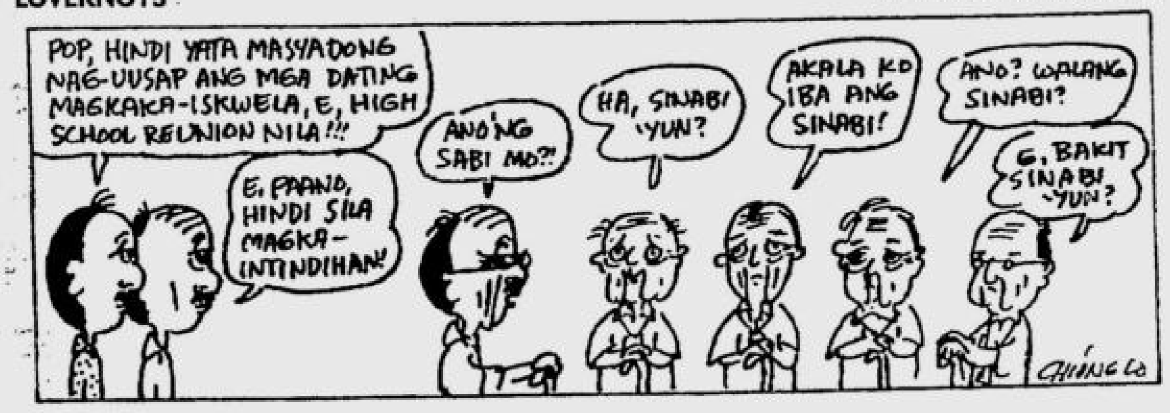
POP, HINDI YATA MASYADONG NAG-UUSAP ANG MGA DATING MAGKAKA-ISKWELA, E, HIGH SCHOOL REUNION NILA!!!
E, PAANO, HINDI SILA MAGKA-INTINDIHAN!
ANO'NG SABI MO?!
HA, SINABI 'YUN?
AKALA KO IBA ANG SINABI!
ANO? WALANG SINABI?
E, BAKIT SINABI 'YUN?
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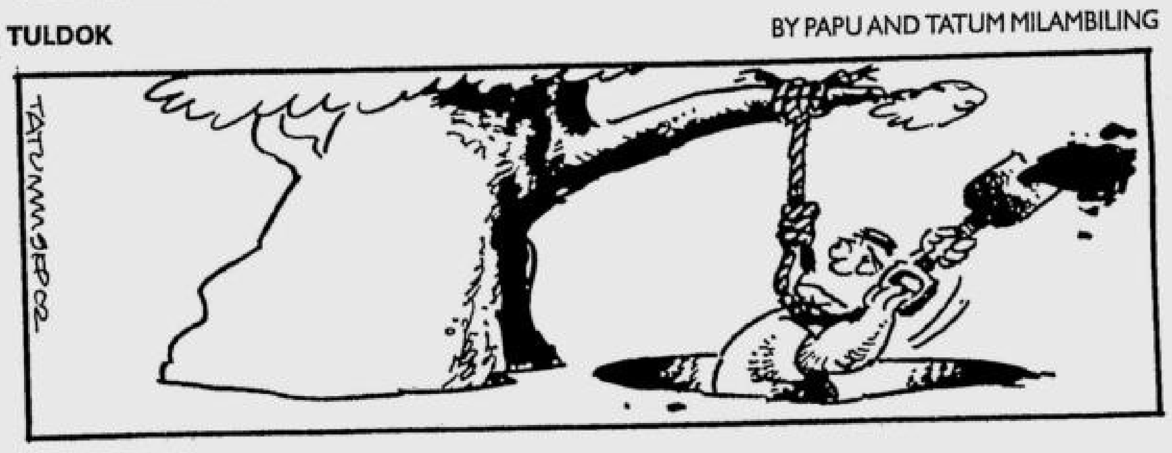
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FIRST row, from left: Jobert Sermonia, Lee Amante, Chris Antonio, Tricie and Raymund Mojica, Lynette Ortiz (seated), Tonyboy de Leon and Liezl Marquez; (second row) LP Amante, Maricar Totengco, Tito Herbosa and Michael Sanders

OTHER guests paint the town green.

PHOTOS BY TIM YAP

MARICAR Totengco, Yaparazzi, Vivienne Tan, Lilo Gutierrez, Liezl Marquez and birthday celebrator Tito Herbosa

RAZORBACK does it the Osbourne way.

BAR owner Midas Marquez with groovy house DJ Patch

MICA Ruiz, Antonette and Carlo Ocampo, Joy Sto. Domingo, Pandy Lichauco and birthday celebrator Jobert Sermonia

Get ready for 'The Osbournes'

Tim Yap

SICK and tired of toilet TV, of sickening slap stick humor and contrived story lines? Then watch "The Osbournes"—MTV's highest-rating show in its 24-year history. It is about a semi-retired rock star living the domesticated life in the suburbs of America.

Sometimes, urban life can be boring. But upon turning on the boob tube, you realize you don't have much choice, after all. You get shows here at least a season late, but nobody really seems to mind.

When I told a friend over dinner that "The Osbournes" are coming to Manila, he got shocked and asked me, "What's next, 'The Simpsons'? 'South Park'? Even worse, 'Who's the Boss?'"

Better late than never, that's what I always say.

So, if you can't get enough of "The Simpsons" and ready for more reality TV, but weary of the whiny survivors of the Marquesas and the cheating couples of "Temptation Island," then it's time to get hooked on the first family of rock 'n' roll—none other than Ozzy, Sharon, Kelly and Jack—better known as "The Osbournes."

Think of it as "Flintstones" meets "The Addams Family." Beware of its foul language, too—bleeping occurs every second, what with Ozzy's motor mouth as he wages war over his Beverly Hills neighbors for playing the music too loud, and many other misadventures. What makes it even more funny is that there is no script! Then again, as we all know, with dysfunctional characters living their lives in our obsessed-to-be-normal-than-average-world, who needs one?

RAZOR-SHARP Riff

At the launch last weekend at Hard Rock Café, quirky characters were around, snickering at the film clips being shown on the British family, as beer-drinking contests and other rock 'n' roller stuff were hosted by former VJ Jamie Wilson, himself a ravin' rocker. Later, the band Razorback played funky music, as the halls of Hard Rock even became fuller with rock fans.

Watch "The Osbournes" every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and every Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

At the Rockwell was another rock event, the MTV- and Sari-Sari-sponsored "2bU! Rocks the Ramp." There, new-guard rockers held fort as models in Hip and Sari-Sari stuff paraded with paws. The result was a visual treat! Kudos to rock chick Maui Reyes for the feat. Arf! Arf!

Green surprise

My Saturday surprise came when I hopped into Green Planet, the low-profile Jupiter Street haunt. What was once a comedy bar and restaurant is now an unpretentious, laid-back chill spot—The Lounge @ Green Planet. It has refreshingly good DJs and a great mix of cool people—yuppies, club kids and hipsters—all in one roof.

Kitschy fabric hung from the ceiling. Mannequins with masks were all around, providing that creepy-cozy feel to the place. Moroccan-style drapes and soft candle lighting added to the mood. Ditto with the couches, floor mats and throw pillows.

The DJ's booth had that old-church altar-feel with bulbs arching on their borders. That night, I got to experience the music of DJ Patch, whose soulful beats added to the great vibe of the lush lounge. I really believe DJ Patch is one of the most underrated DJs we have around.

LIEZL and Midas Marquez with Tito Herbosa

MTV'S marketing and communications director Rod Nepomuceno with Yaparazzi

So do drop by at "The Lounge @ Green Planet" to experience his spin.

Green Planet also features acoustic bands during the week—the perfect midweek stress buster. I have noticed that there is a renewed interest in the Jupiter Street area, as places like Green Planet, and Ebisu (which hosts special nights for patrons aside from being a Japanese restaurant), fill a certain need in the young urban landscape. They are unpretentious alternatives to all the mall-based establishments sprouting around the city.

Always remember: there is no such thing as a boring party—it's the people who make the party fun! The greatest sin in life is regret.

Worrying about a friend who's upset with her, and an annoying classmate

Carlos Garchitorena & September Mabino

DEAR Sep and Caloy,

I have two problems.

First: A friend got upset just because we lost in a contest partly because of me. After that, she began blaming me for all sorts of things.

It wasn't a big contest; it was just among the class. The prize wasn't special either—it was just Oreos. She stopped talking to me after that. So, what's her problem?

My second problem is about a classmate who wants to be in our group; she's really annoying us because she only brags about herself and nothing else. She also copies our mannerisms just to fit in, but we really can't tolerate her. What should we do?

RIA

In the class contest where you and your friend lost, it looks as if the two of you had placed different levels of importance on the game, and that, to me, is the most immediate explanation for her recent behavior.

Has your friend always been competitive? Was that contest the first time that you've teamed up? These are some of the questions that you have to think about in order to figure out what could possibly be bugging your friend.

I'm quite sure that whatever her reason for being upset, it goes deeper than just that one loss in a class contest. Maybe she thinks that you're too laid-back, or that you don't value as much the things she finds important, such as winning even the smallest of games.

I'm not saying, though, that you have a personality problem just because you think differently from your friend. I'm just suggesting that you look deeper into the problem. It's not just about the Oreos that you didn't win; it's more about the personality differences that, once in a while, tick friends off.

As for your classmate who desperately wants to join your group of friends, the fairest way to let her know that you don't enjoy her company is to tell her straight-out. And that doesn't mean being tactless or being on the offensive, talking to her in an inappropriate time and place. I think it would be best if you and your friends approach her and talk to her as a group so she could understand that what you would be saying is everyone else's opinion, too.

Also, it would be good if you talk first with your friends to see if, maybe, you guys could give the girl a chance to change and be nicer. She probably has been bragging only to impress you and to make you like her. And you guys should be a little bit flattered because she's been copying your mannerisms!

Anyway, I'm sure she meant no malice. She's only trying to be accepted, although her way of doing it leaves much to be desired. Just be honest when dealing with her and be as nice as you can.

SEP

Do you believe in karma? I hope you do because that, I think, is the way for you to resolve both problems. I don't know if it's possible to give the annoying girl a chance to prove herself to you. But you never know, she could save your neck someday. You can't go wrong by keeping too many friends unless you start making promises and sharing secrets with all of them. You'll end up like Archie in the classic situation of two dates on one night. Someone is bound to get hurt, and it's not usually Betty or Veronica.

If you can't bring yourself to like this annoying girl, just remember how you felt when you were ostracized after losing that game in class. That should make you realize how hard it is to endure being on a different plain from everyone else.

If you think my advice is ridiculous, think of the guy who, come Christmas time, makes us appreciate the lowliest of the lowly. He causes us to remember our frailty and susceptibility to persecution, suffering and pain. But because of him, we also think of joy in acceptance and finally, redemption.

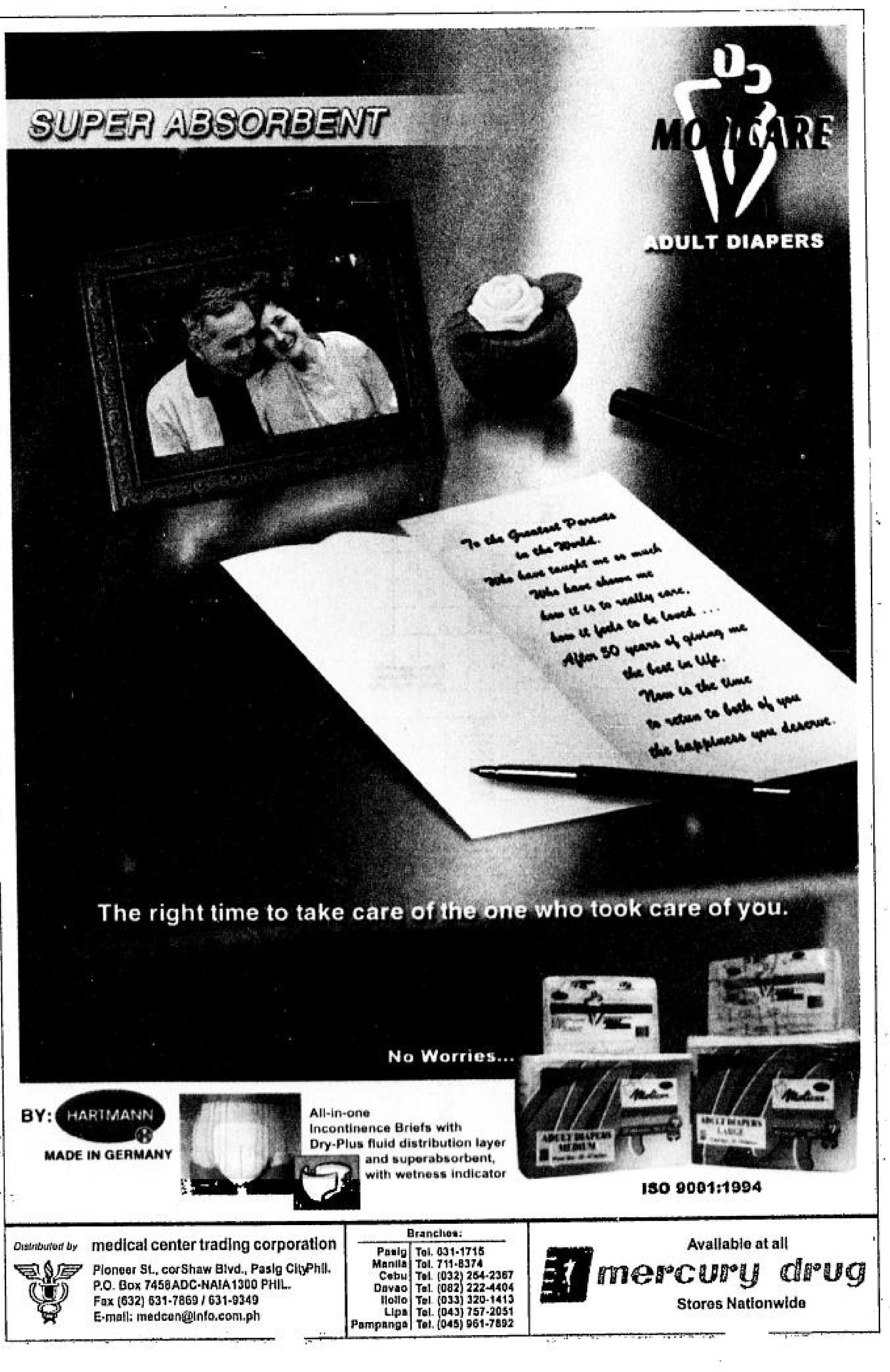
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose, and if you ever saw him, you would even say it glows. Olops, the other reindeer, laughed at him and called him names. They never let poor Rudolph join in on any reindeer games (which couldn't be more exciting than shuffleboard).

Do you remember what happened next? Rudolph was accelerated to the head of the mush-line where he wouldn't have to watch Blitzen's furry arise from Moscow all the way to India, where it's very humid. He was at the head of the pack now.

Did the reindeer get angry? Did they tip Rudolph's antlers and vandalize his nose?

No, they laughed about it and shouted with glee, because Santa runs a very tight sleigh. Where no matter how cold it gets, no matter how tough it is to mush, all reindeer must smile and be happy. Probably like communist China. And whatever happened to Olops? He takes the elves to the grocery on Wednesdays, Mrs. Claus to her Bingo nights on Thursdays, and on the rest of them, he's a hayrack. No one has heard him laugh or call anyone names again in a long time.

CALOY



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The poor cager from Lubao

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From the poverty of Pampanga to the glamour of the UAAP, controversial FEU Tamaraw Arwind Santos did it his way

CONTROVERSIAL Far Eastern University cager Arwind Santos can never be accused of having it easy.

From pick-up games in his hometown Lubao, Pampanga, to the high-profile skirmishes of the Universities Athletics Association of the Philippines (UAAP), the lanky forward has become one of the surprises of the collegiate basketball season. He became, in fact, one of the cornerstones of the Tamaraws' unexpected but ultimately fruitless late-season rally.

But the 21-year-old has had to deal with questions about his eligibility to play on court.

Early in the season, coach Allan Gregorio of the University of the Philippines questioned Santos' inclusion in the FEU lineup, saying he violated a league rule when he played for the Cebu Basketball League (CBL).

After the UAAP board junked the inquiry, UP-Diliman chancellor Dr. Emerlinda R. Roman requested for an audience with the board to question the decision.

"*Sinabi ko naman lahat ng nilaruan ko.. Wala akong tinago,*" said the much-affected Santos. But he refuses to be bitter about the controversy. "*Lalo akong tumatapang,*" said the lanky forward from Lubao.

The frontrunner for this year's UAAP Rookie of the Year Award, Santos has led his team to contender status. Averaging 11 points and eight caroms per game, the 6'4" swingman is considered as the team's catalyst by head coach Coy Banal.

"*Siya ang nagbibigay sa amin ng gasolina. Sa kanya nanggagaling 'yung* energy," said Banal.

Pippen fan

Santos learned to play the game on makeshift basketball courts he himself constructed at an early age. Organized basketball was scarce, so he honed his skills by competing at impromptu matches in nearby towns.

Growing up, Santos said he patterned his game after former Chicago Bulls star Scottie Pippen, whom he admired because of his defensive prowess.

Santos was first spotted by Banal while the former was playing for Skyland-Pampanga in the PYBL. After seeing the cager in action, Banal pursued the fresh talent. "He's the type of player *na may* determination to excel in sports. *Kasi* this is his ticket out of poverty," said the coach..

And he was not alone. Other UAAP schools, such as the University of Santo Tomas, De la Salle University and University of the East, also sent feelers to the prized cager.

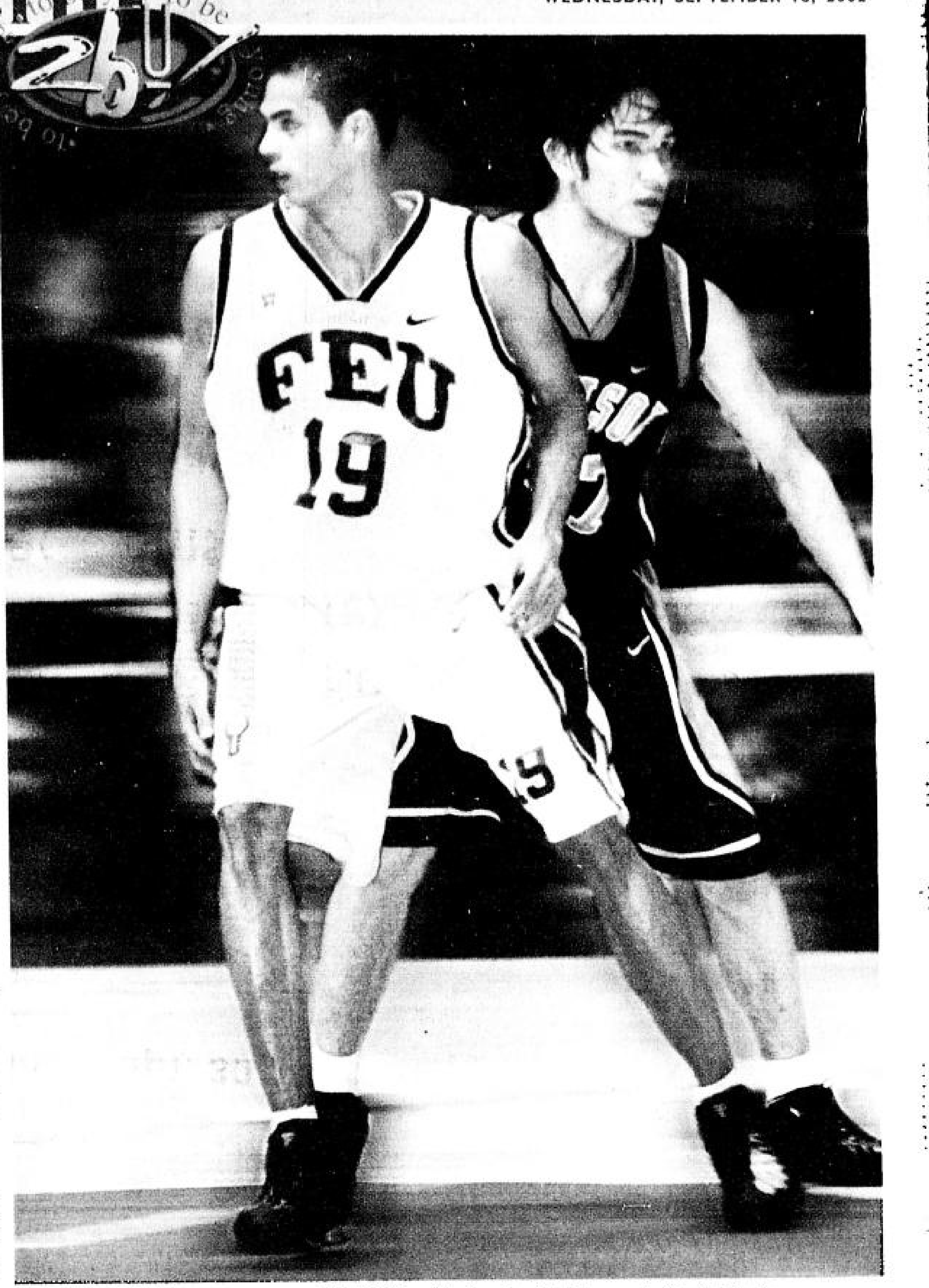
But recruiting Santos was not a simple matter of getting him to enroll.

Santos, at the time, had a pregnant wife and was expecting his first child. "*Hindi siya makaalis. Mahirap namang iwanan niya 'yung bata sa* Pampanga," Banal explained.

Banal added that he only got a chance to bring Santos to Manila after the birth of the latter's daughter Danica last Christmas Eve. When asked why he chose to play for FEU, Santos said, "*Ayos 'yung pakikisama nila rito. At saka, maganda kasi puro* Kapampangan."

Poverty

Santos is the product of a destitute home. His parents, both of whom were athletes in their prime, struggled to provide for their family. To help with the household's finances, Santos and his three siblings got exposed to work early.



SANTOS head-to-head with Adamson's Mark Abadia
PHOTO: ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

The rookie forward said he must have tried every job he could sink his teeth into. At one point, he was a "wheeler," which is slang for sidecar driver. "*Dun ako dati kumukuha ng ibabaon ko sa eskuwela,*" Santos said.

He recalled there was even a time that he and his older brother rented sidecars to collect plastics from the city streets. Santos said they used the money they had earned to buy a kilo of rice every day.

Even when money was tight, Santos said they always found a solution to get by. "*Nalulutas naman namin. Minsan kumakain kami nang konti lang. Nagtitipid lang nang sobra,*" he said.

However, the Santos household suffered its biggest blow when Arwind's father died two years ago, on a Good Friday.

Tougher times came after the death. "*Nung namatay ang* Papa *ko, nagsimula na kaming maghiwa-hiwalay,*" Santos said.

Santos added that even his mother started to distance herself from her children. "*Napapalayo siya kasi wala naman siyang pangsuporta sa amin,*" he said.

The family's income was in such bad shape that the swingman said his younger brother, his basketball teammate, sold their sports medals.

Santos even recalled a time when her mother got sick and the family had no one to help out.

Now that she's well, Santos insists she stay at home and not work anymore.

"*Gusto niya magtrabaho, pero ayaw ko siya payagan. Pangako ko kay Papa na 'di ko siya papabayaan kahit may asawa't anak na ako,*" Santos said.

Grateful

Amid the controversy, Santos said he is grateful to FEU for sticking by him. "*Nagpapasalamat talaga ako sa FEU kasi pinaglaban nila ako.*"

He said he was surprised at the fuss about the case. "Feeling *ko* star [*ako*] *na pinagkakaguluhan,*" he said. "*Hindi naman ako* star. *Wala naman silang mapakitang ebidensiya. Pati* board *sinisisi nila.*"

Banal said FEU is committed to play by the rules. "As a head coach, *hindi namin ilalagay ang pangalan ng eskuwela sa alanganin,*" he explained. "*Pinaaprubahan namin siya.*"

Banal has taken Santos and his wife under his wings, helping the young couple adjust to parenthood. They are now neighbors.

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